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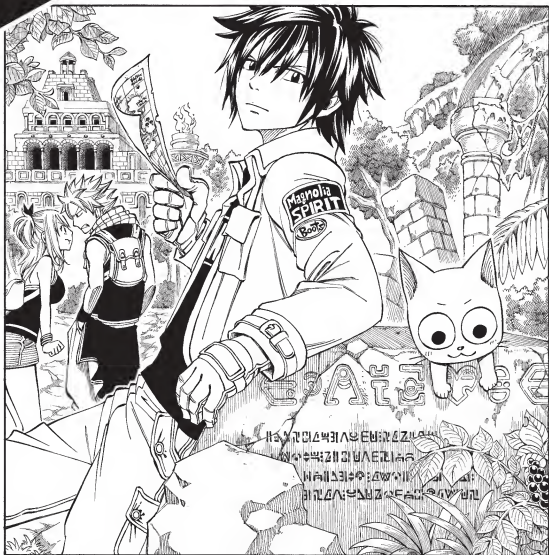
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Creator of Rave Master

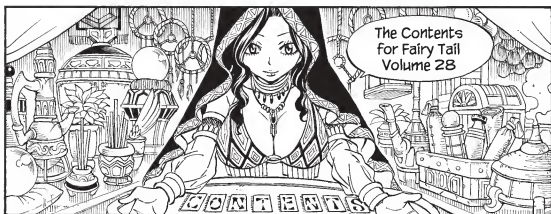
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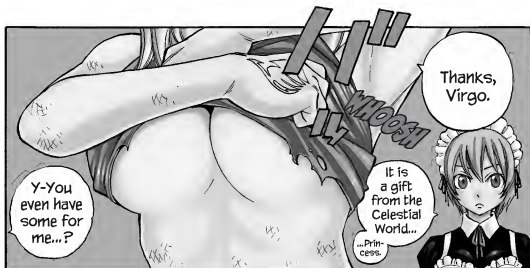
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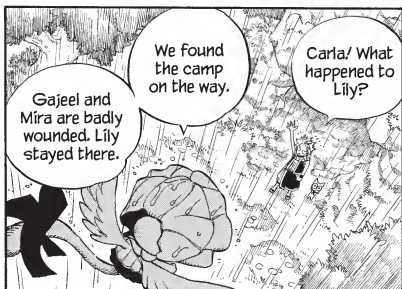
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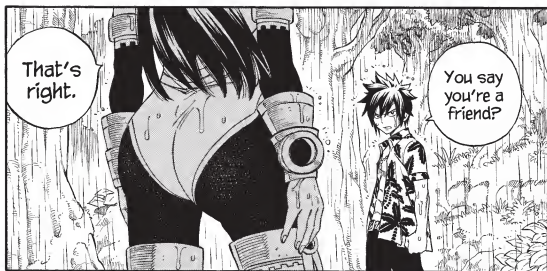


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That's right.

You say you're a friend?



My mother was simply protecting her disciple. I think that was honorable.

It isn't your fault that Ur died.



I know. You don't need to say anything.

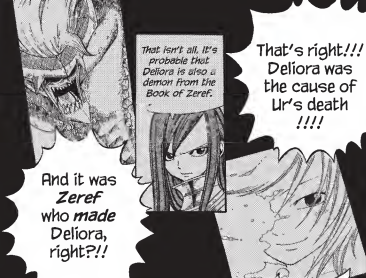
I just...



But don't tell me that Ur would be proud of what *you're* doing.

Don't lie to me. I don't care what you think of me.





And it was
Zeref
who **made**
Deliora,
right?!!

That isn't all, it's
probable that
Deliora is also a
demon from the
Book of Zeref.

That's right!!!
Deliora was
the cause of
Ur's death
!!!!



You
mean
Zeref?



How?

You're
wrong,
Gray.



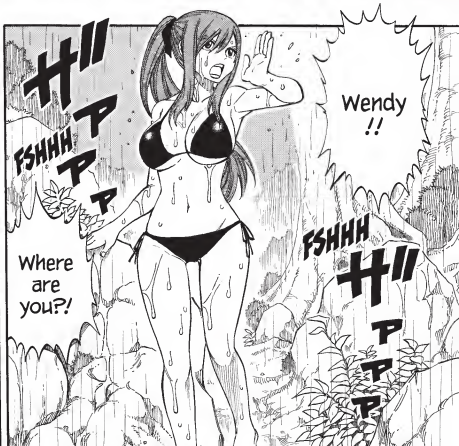
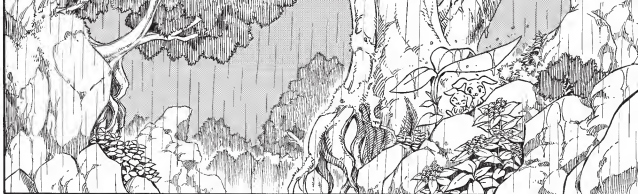
And now you're
all trying to use
Zeref to make that
ridiculous World
of Magic?!!!



Ur's
will!



What I am
doing is my
mother's...







Blue
Note...



To think
that Merudy
could be
defeated.

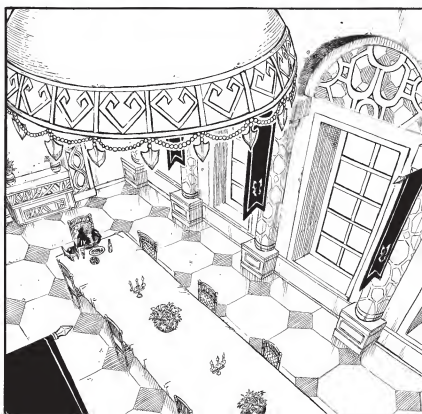
I had not
planned on
more than half
of the Seven
Kin being
eliminated.

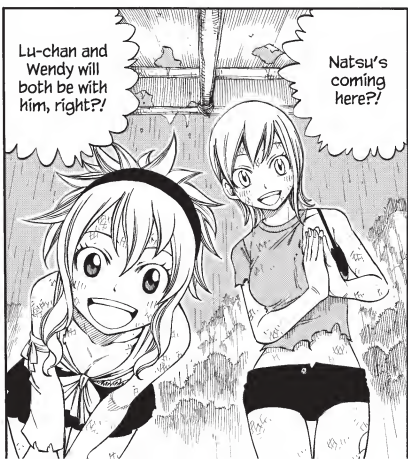


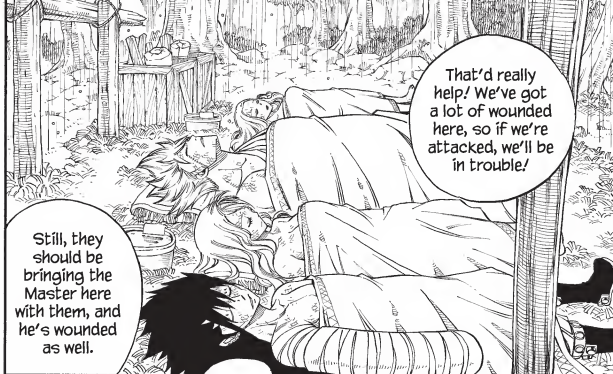
HUMPH



Disap-
pointing.
I was too
late...







That'd really help! We've got a lot of wounded here, so if we're attacked, we'll be in trouble!

Still, they should be bringing the Master here with them, and he's wounded as well.



If we all combine our strength, I'm sure...

Yeah, I know. We'll never give up!!



Levy!

You mean even the Master was taken out...?



And our superiority makes my heart tremble.

There are levels of superiority in this world that can never be overcome.



Surrender is important, too.



Every
single
fairy...

...shall be
consumed
...



This
is bad
...!!!

Can
I even
switch
into battle
mode?



Levy,
Lily,
me...

...all our
magic's
exhausted!



Hurry up...
Natsu!!



I hope
she's at
the camp.

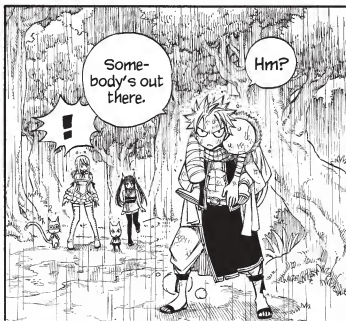
I wonder
where she
went off
to.

I'm
worried
about
Cana,
too.



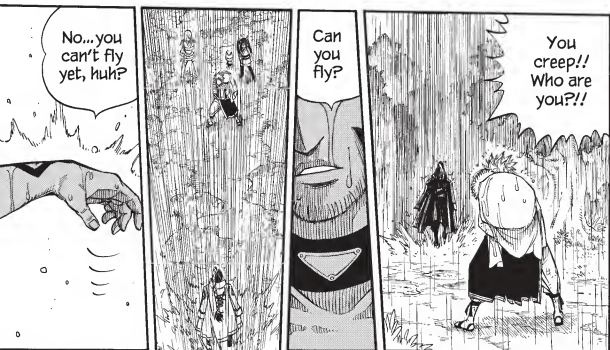
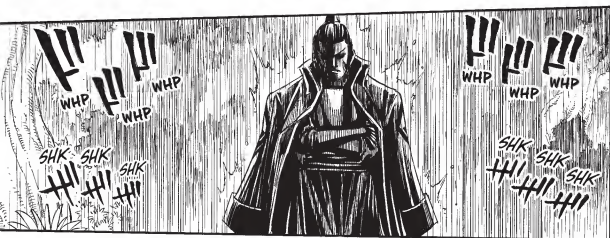
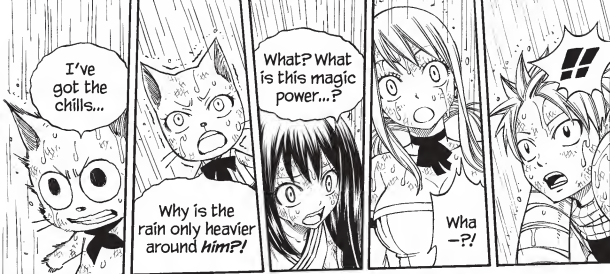
He can
take care
of himself.

I wonder if
Doranbolt-
san will be
all right?



Some-
body's out
there.

Hm?





Fall.

GRIMOIRE HEART
SUBCOMMANDER
BLUE NOTE STINGER





You mean
there's
another
monster
on this
island?!



What's
that?!

It's
incredible
magic
power...!!



...intent on
interfering
with my
meal.

A
troublesome
one has
arrived...

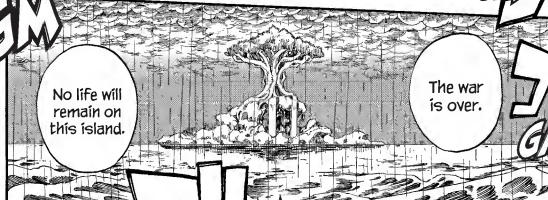


Blue
Note.

He is
here.



Who
is this
...?!!



No life will
remain on
this island.

The war
is over.



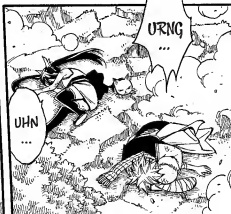
I don't have
any interest
in Fairy Tail or
Zeref...



There is *only*
one thing here
on this island
that I want.



OWW
...



UHN
...

URNG
...

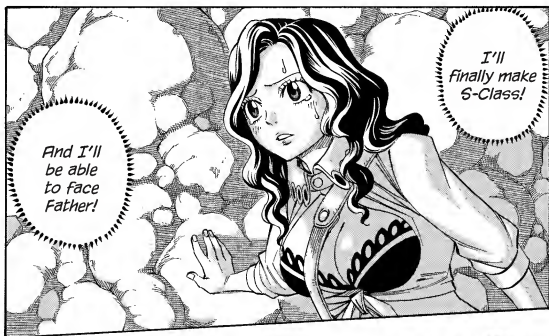


The grave
of Mavis
Vermillion!
Where is it?

Fairy
Tail's first
master...



Mavis's
grave is
this way!

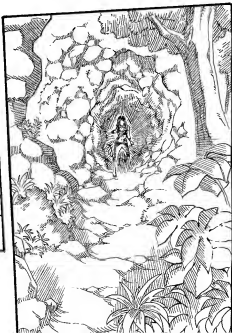


And I'll
be able
to face
Father!

I'll
finally make
S-Class!



What is
this...?





The
grave...

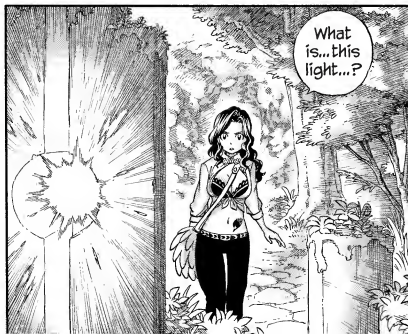
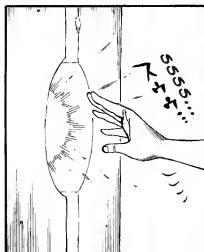
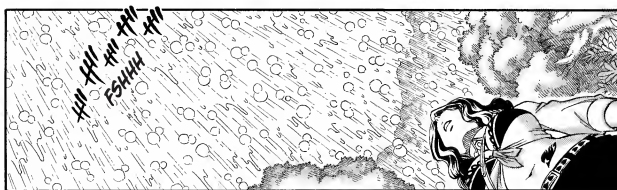
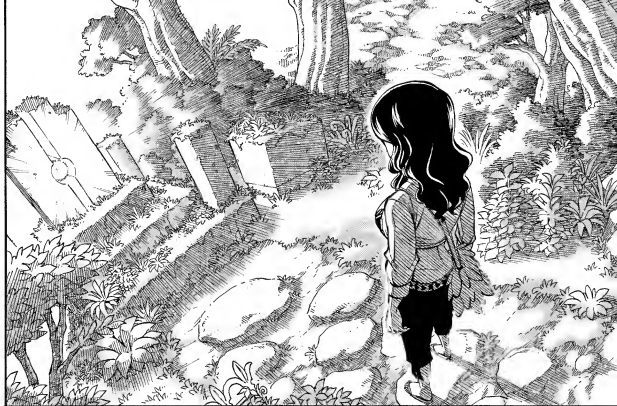
...is
glowing
...

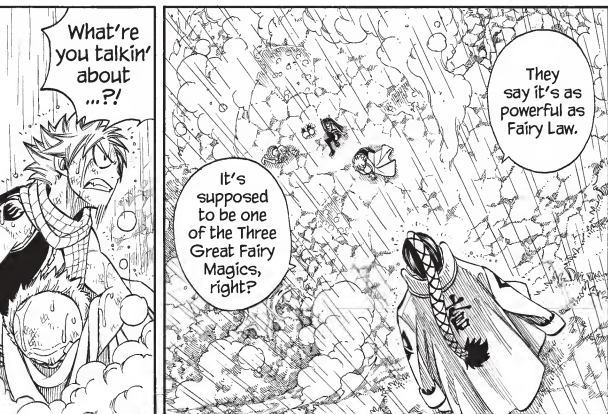
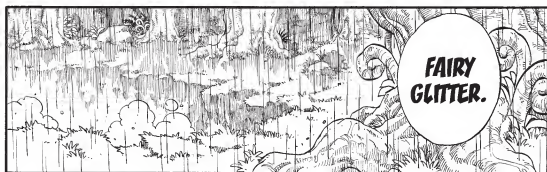
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SHEEN

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Chapter 232: The Word I Couldn't Say







C-crushing
me...



Natsu-
san!

Natsu
!!

G
W
A
A
H
!!



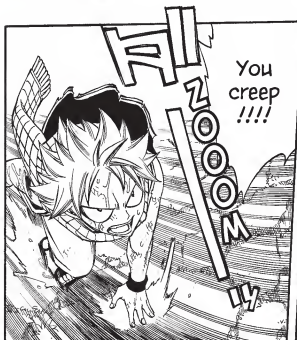
Happy,
hang in
there!

Never
heard
of it—

Bgah!



The
"glitter" is
a light that
doesn't
suffer the
presence of
any enemy.



You
creep
!!!!



I want
that
magic.



So
you're
going to
tell me
where
that
grave is.



I hear it's
sealed in
the grave
of Master
Mavis.



Who
is this
guy...?

No...

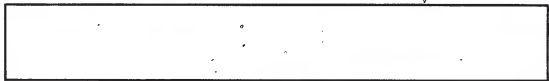
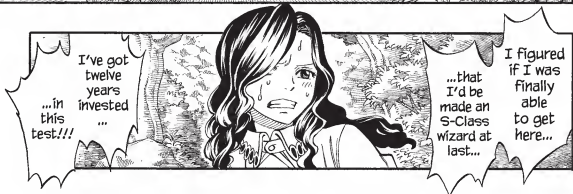
Natsu!!

Ra...

Did you
hear what
I said?

Ra...
ahh!!







*My
father's
name is
Gildarts.*



What's a
little girl like
you doing in
a place like
this?



Hm?



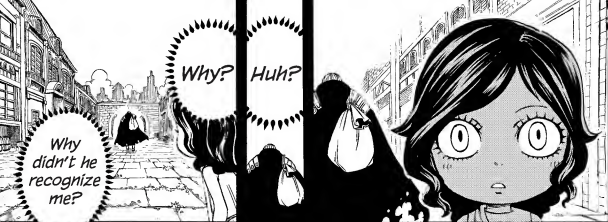
You stay here,
the smell of
liquor'll end
up on your
clothes!

You'd better
get on
home.

...



Father
...



And even
when he did,
he'd be right
out the door
again.

But Father
only returned
on rare
occasions.

The word I
couldn't say
to him...



grew bigger
and bigger
inside me.

Yeah,
right!

Gildarts,
you're late
for your
train!!



You've
grown,
Cana.

Yeah

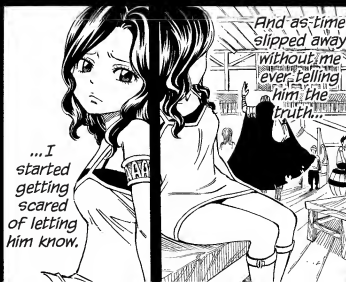


And he
was the
strongest
wizard in
the guild.



Everybody
seemed
to like my
father.

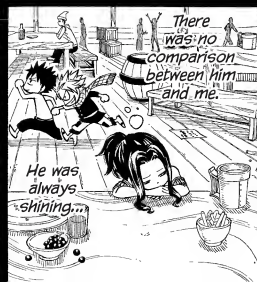
And as time
slipped away
without me
ever telling
him the
truth...



...I
started
getting
scared
of letting
him know.

There
was no
comparison
between him
and me.

He was
always
shining...



I decided it then!! When I passed the test, I'd tell my father the truth!



You bet!



Give it your best shot!

Then, before the S-Class wizard test...



Me?

I'm not on the same level as Father...

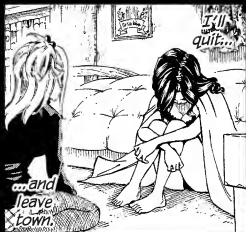


I fell into depression...

While Erza and Mira, who entered after I did, passed the test ahead of me.



But I took the test four times and failed it every time.



...and leave town.

I'll quit...



If I flunk out this time, I don't have the right to call myself Gildarts' daughter.

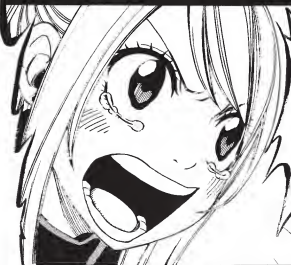
That's why I decided this would be my last time.

I'm thinking about maybe quitting the guild.



I'll never
let you
leave the
guild!!!!

Then I'll
be your
partner,
Cana!!!!



...I'll be
there to
help you
out!

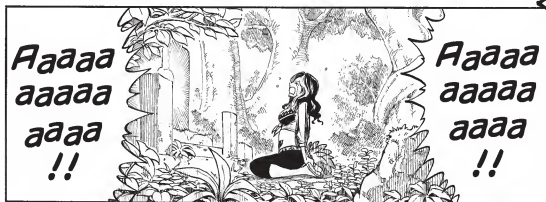
It's a special
card. If you
get in trouble,
Lucy, it'll let
me know.

What? A
card?

If mine starts
to flash, I
don't care how
far away I
might be...











*I just
want my
friends
to be
okay!!!!*

*I don't
need
anything
!!!!*



*I don't
even need
to be in the
guild!!!!*



*...my heart
will always
stay in one
place!!!!*

*Wherever I
am...*

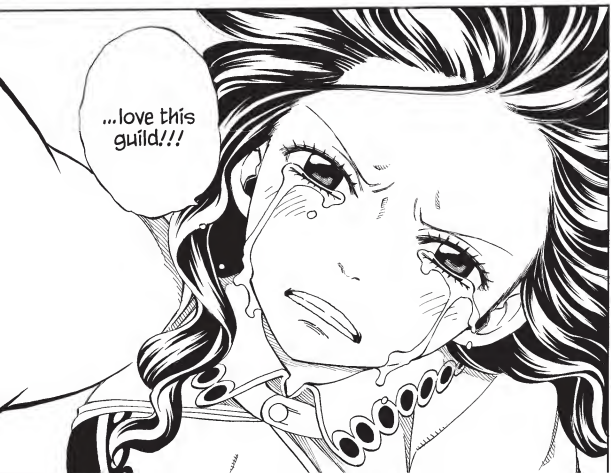
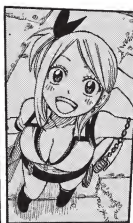


*Give me the
strength to
protect my
guild!!!!*

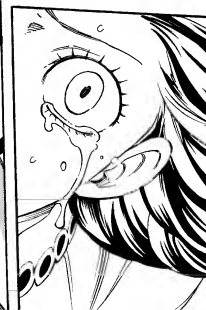
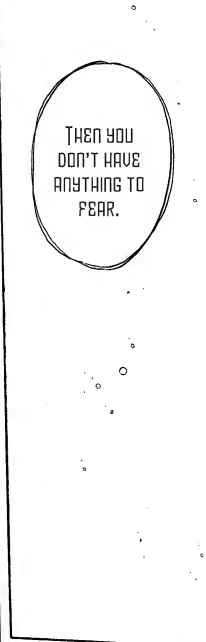
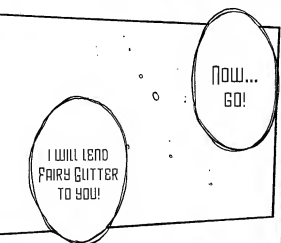
*So
please
!!!!*



I really...



...love this guild!!!



*This may
be my
last fight
ever!!!!*

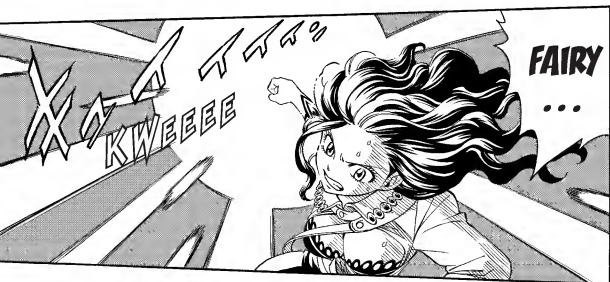
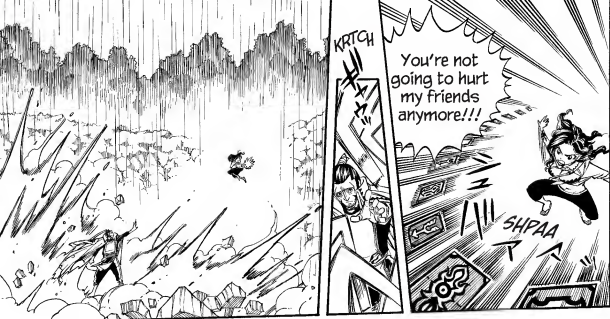
*I have to
repay you for
twelve years
of looking
after me...
my Fairy Tail
guildmates
!!!!*



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Chapter 233: Fairy Glitter







Huh?!

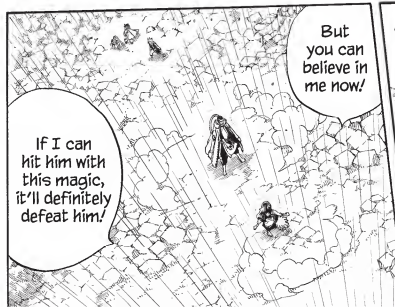
Fairy
Glitter
?!!



That
magic...
you
have...



Kh...



If I can
hit him with
this magic,
it'll definitely
defeat him!

But
you can
believe in
me now!



I'm not
going to make
excuses... I'll
just say that
I'm really
sorry...

Lucy, I'm
so sorry
I left you
here!

I want you
to hold him
off while I get
enough power!

Grrr!

Can we leave
that discussion
for another time?
I need your
cooperation to
defeat this guy,
Natsu!

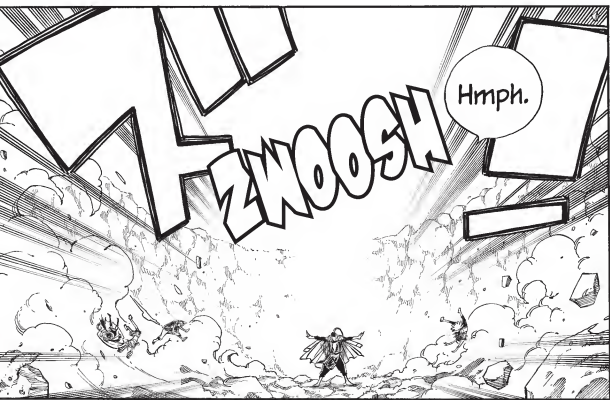
Grrr!

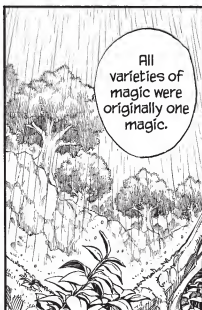
Hey,
does that
mean
the test...

You say
you went
to the
grave...?

You
managed
to get
it at the
grave?!!

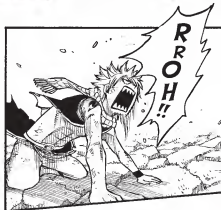
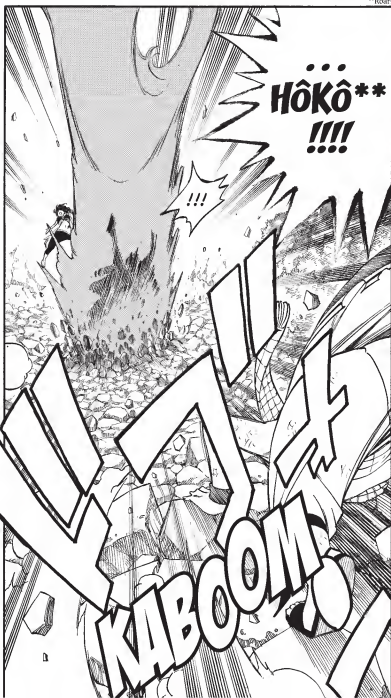
That's
amazing
!!

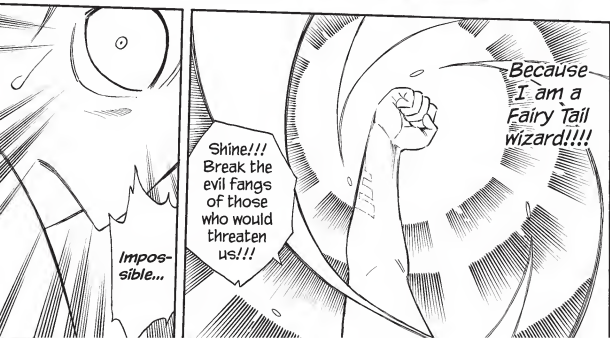
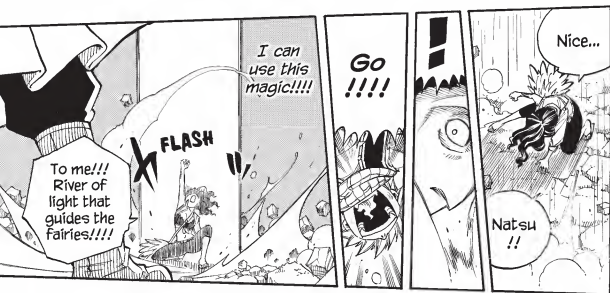


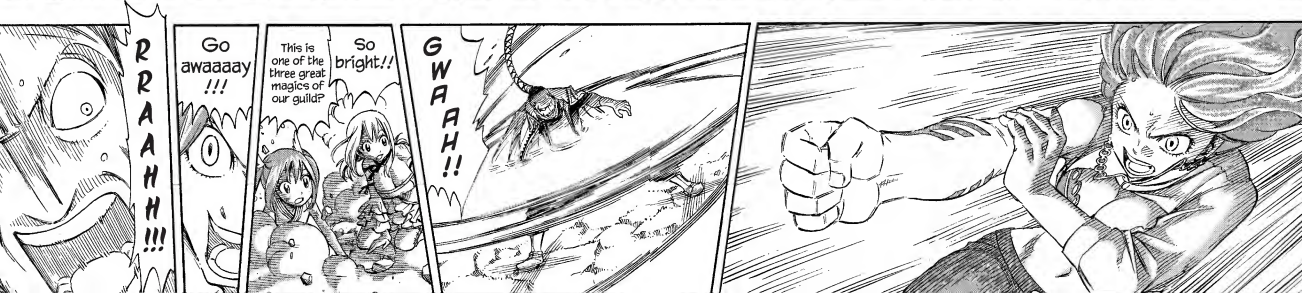


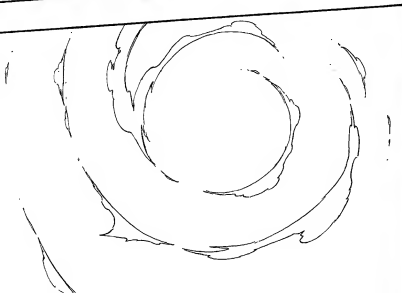
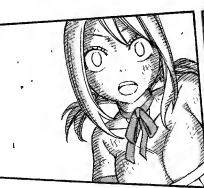
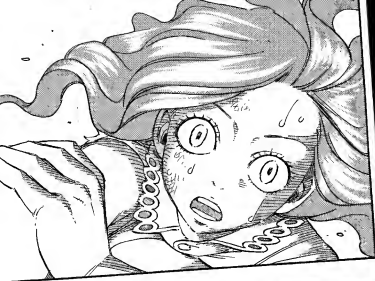


But don't worry. I'll take that magic for myself.

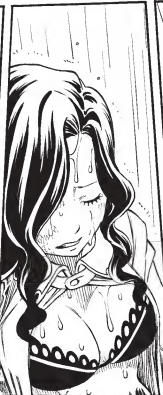
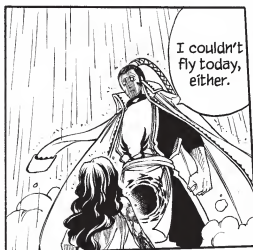


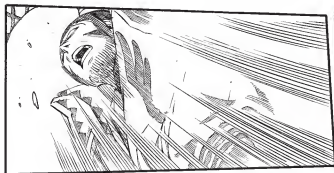


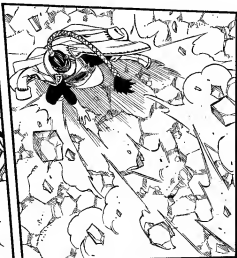
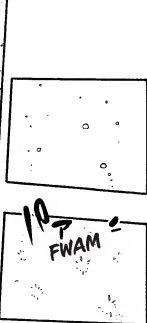
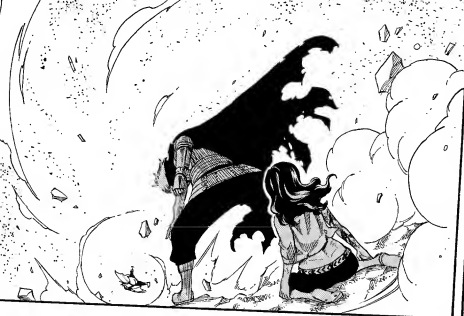




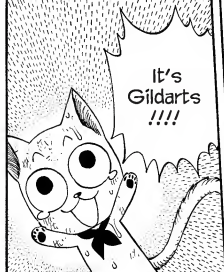








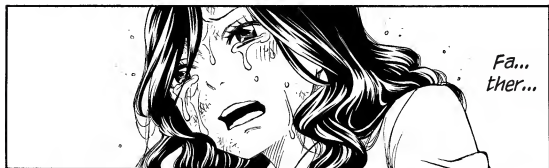




It's
Gildarts
!!!!



Gildarts
!!!!



Fa...
ther...

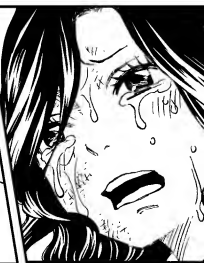


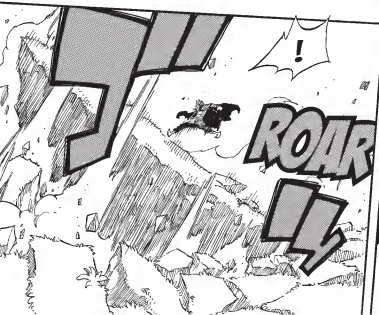
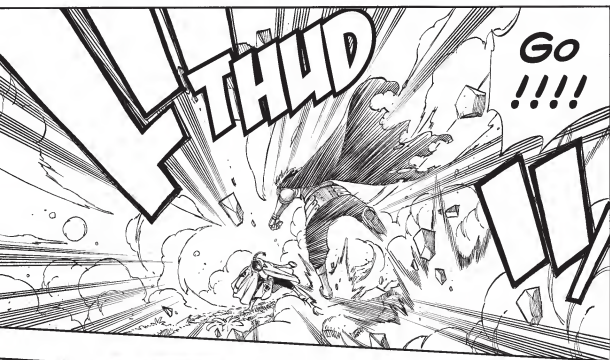
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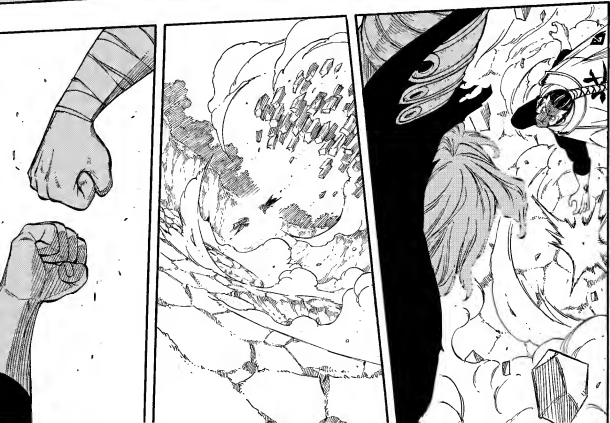
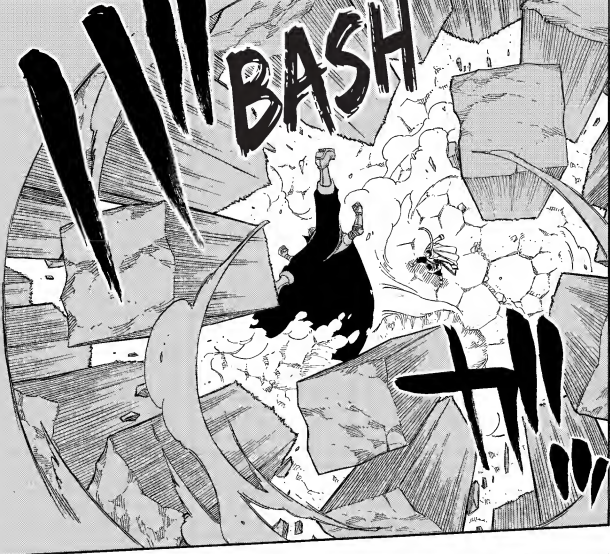
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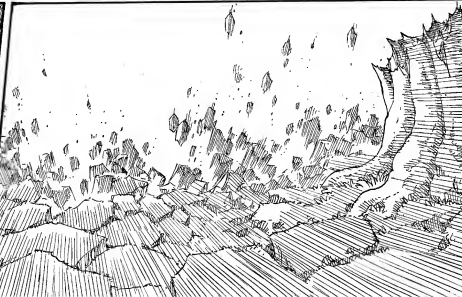
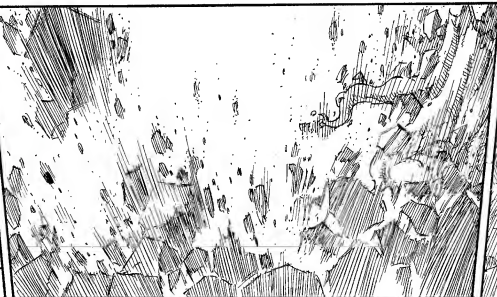


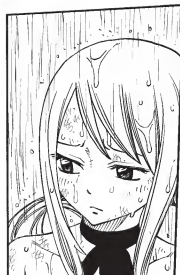
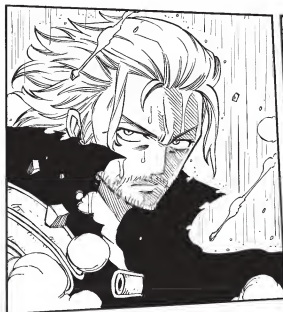
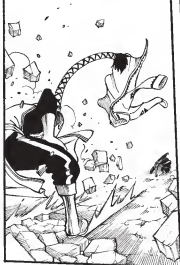


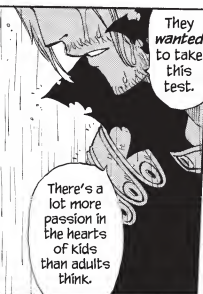
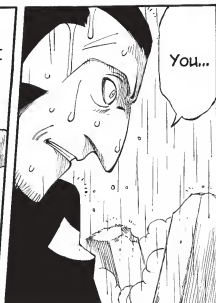
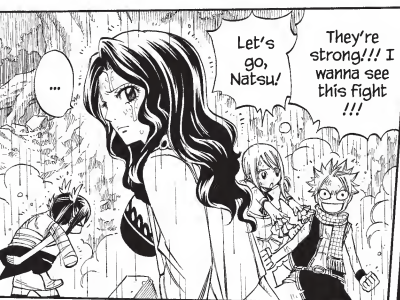














**And
you
tread
all over
that!!!**

**These
kids were
determined
to step
forward
into the
future...**

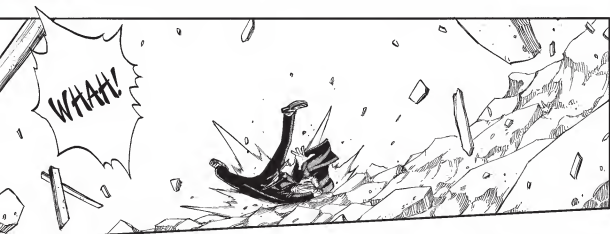


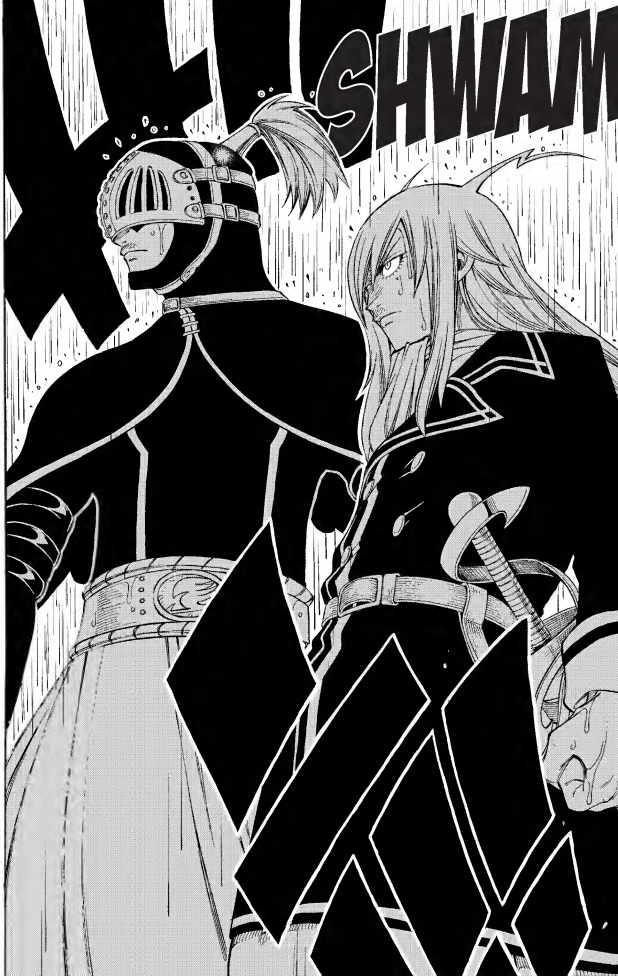
SHHHHH

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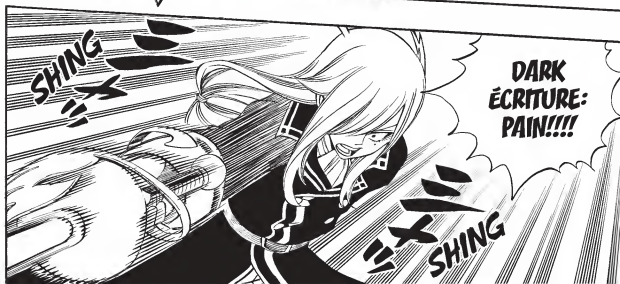
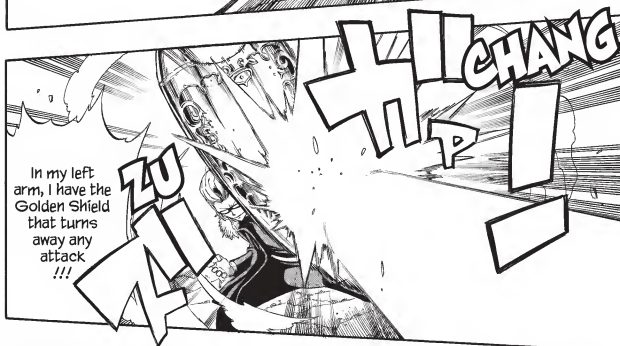
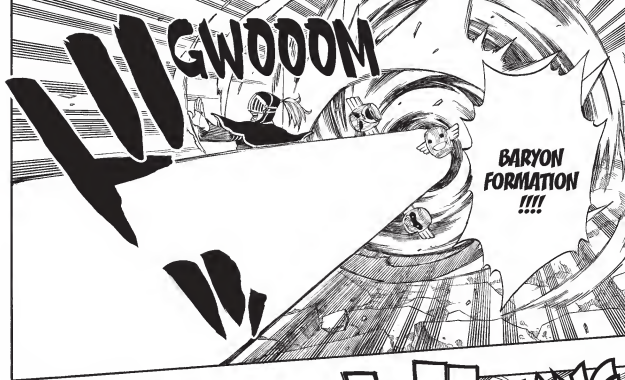
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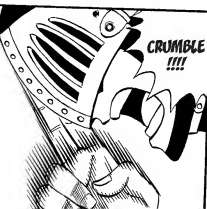
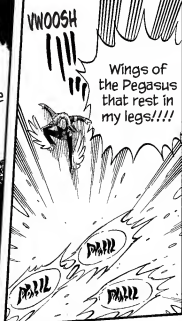




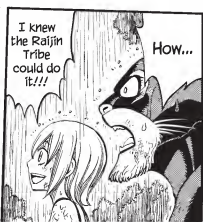




Can you
beat pure
imagi-
nation
?!!



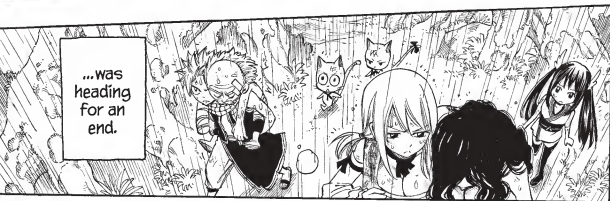




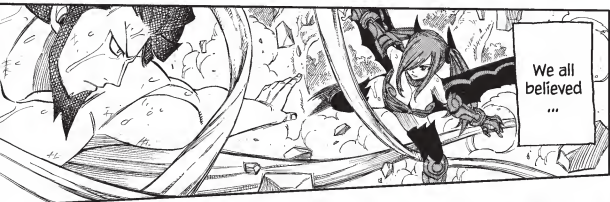




The
battle of
Sirius
Island...



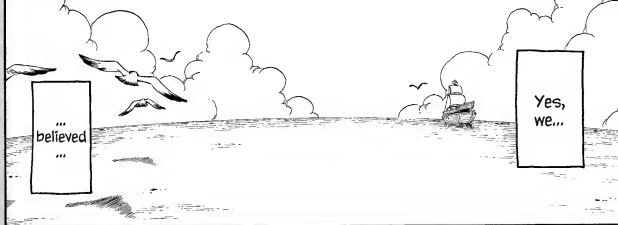
...was
heading
for an
end.



We all
believed
...

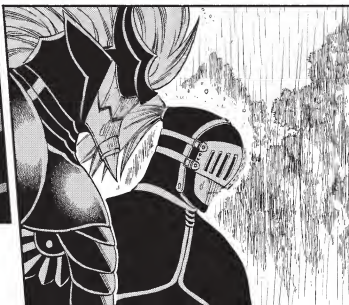
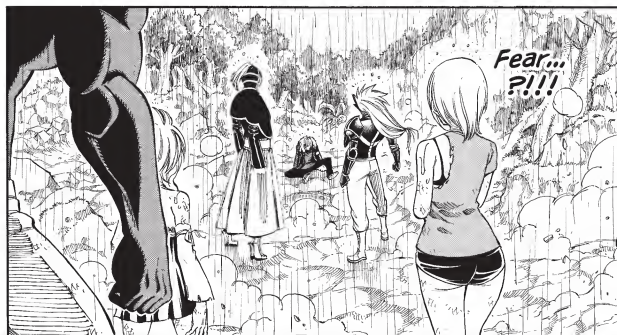
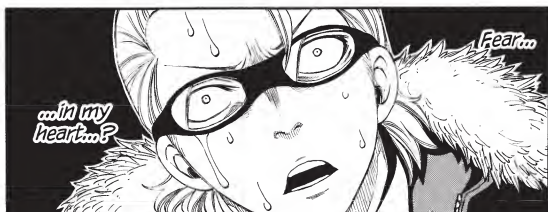


...in our
victory.

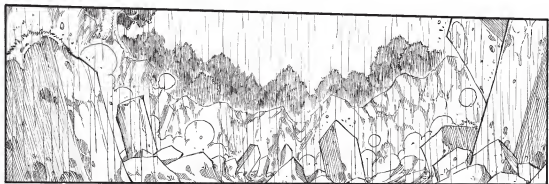


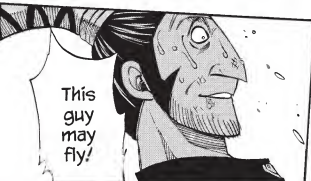


Chapter 235: Sirius Tree



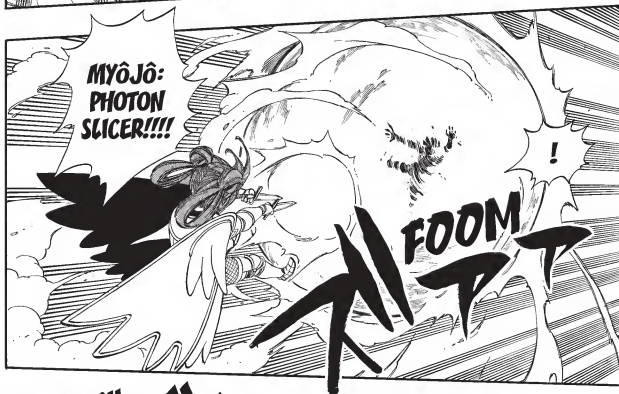
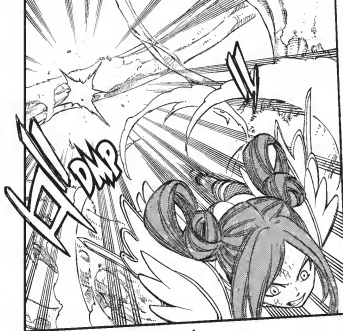














I'm enjoying this.

I've been waiting for someone as strong as you.



Is something amusing?



I hear much of your bravery. Maybe we are two of a kind.

It's proof you are one for whom the battle is everything! And you seek out battle only with the strong!

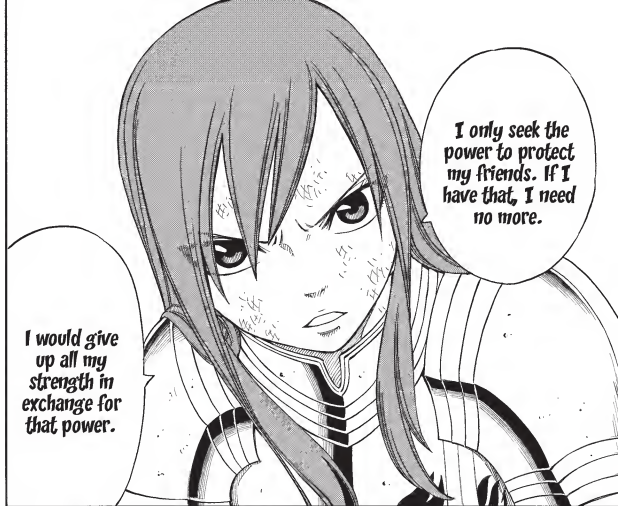


No. You cannot become as strong as you are without seeking strong opponents.



Forgive me, but I cannot agree.

I do not seek out the strong.



I would give
up all my
strength in
exchange for
that power.

I only seek the
power to protect
my friends. If I
have that, I need
no more.



...
contra-
dicting
myself.

I seem
to be...



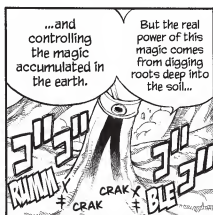
It means
that time
is up.



What
do you
mean?!

It's
too bad. I
wanted a fair
fight with
you.

You're
pretty
interest-
ing.



**...to our
sacred
island?!!!**

What have you done...



But since I'm under orders, there was no choice.

This isn't what I would have chosen, you understand.

This isn't what I would have chosen, you understand.

Wh-What did you do?!!

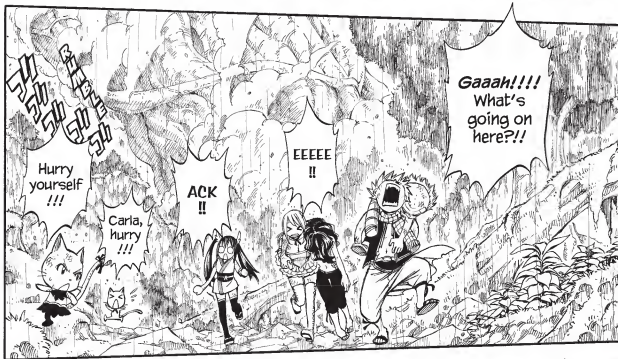
Damn you...!!!



No... that
huge tree is
falling!!!!

Th-The
Island
!!

Wh-
What was
that?!!



Gaaah!!!!
What's
going on
here?!!

EEEE
!!

ACK
!!

Hurry
yourself
!!!

Caria,
hurry
!!!



Ah!

THUD

I don't
believe
it...



All my
strength
has suddenly
disappeared

TRIP

WUMP



Wh-What...
is this... My
strength...

SLUMP

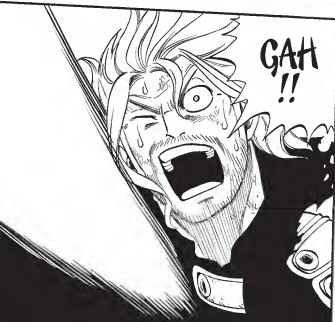
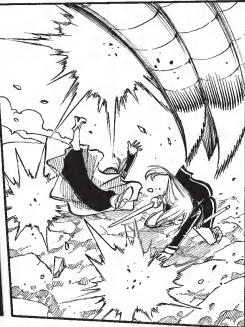


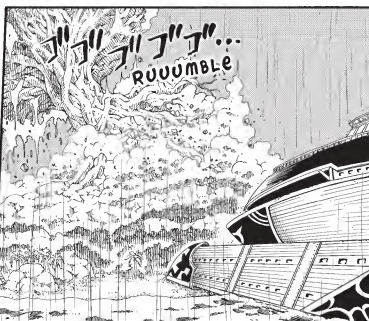
SLUMP

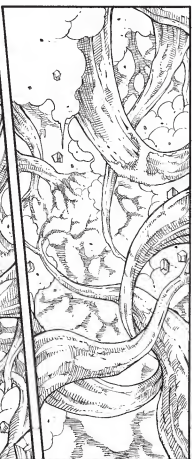
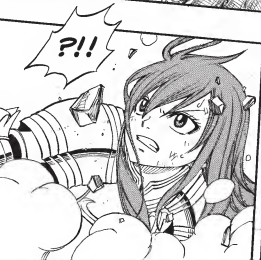
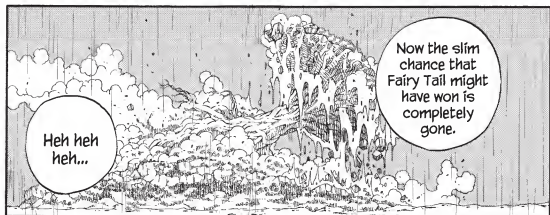
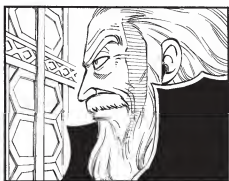
Wha
-?!



Huh?









That
can't be
possible...

There is
no way...



...of all
Fairy Tail
wizards.

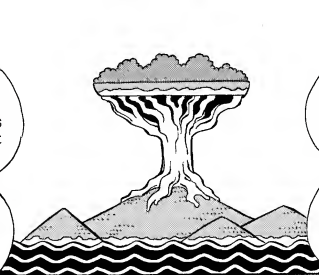


...stealing
the
magic...



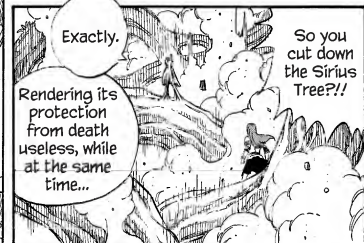
It protects
any Fairy Tail
wizard on this
island against
death...

...and also has a
special influence
that increases the
guild members'
magical power.



The Sirius Tree,
the giant tree
that grows from
the center of the
island...

...offers
its divine
protection to
any who wear
the Fairy Tail
mark.



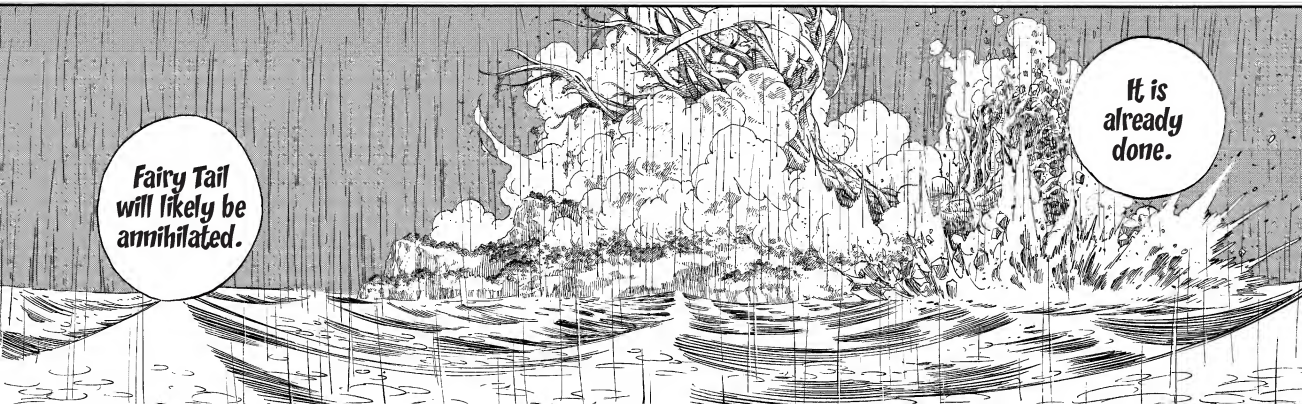
Exactly.

Rendering its
protection
from death
useless, while
at the same
time...

So you
cut down
the Sirius
Tree?!!



So that's
why the
master
chose the
island as
the site for
the test...



Fairy Tail
will likely be
annihilated.

It is
already
done.



Now, Titania, you have friends all over the island dying because their magic power is being drained. The only one who can save them is you.

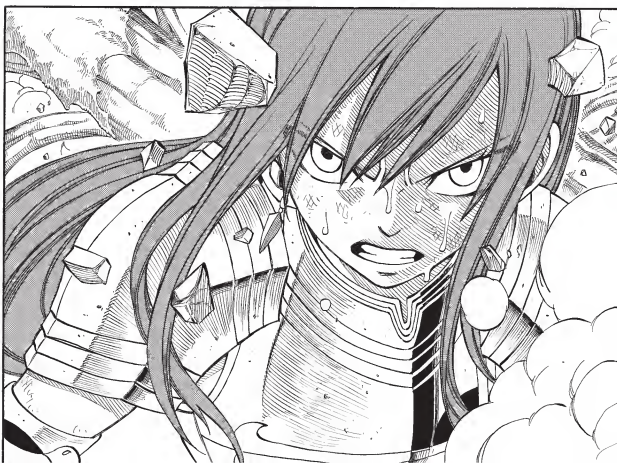
...since I can control the magic of the island, I have let your power remain.

How-ever...



...this "power to protect your friends."

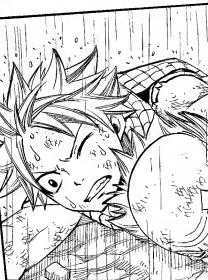
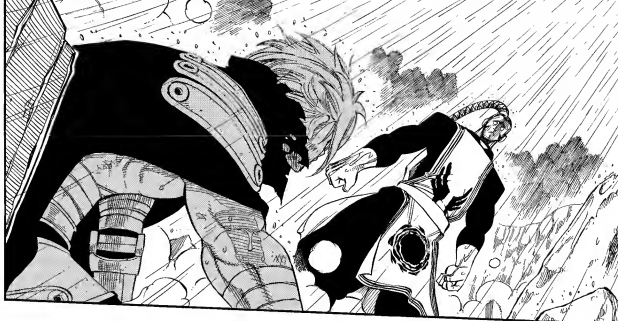
So how about you come and show me...

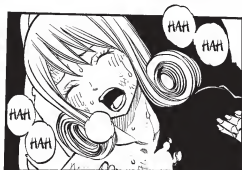
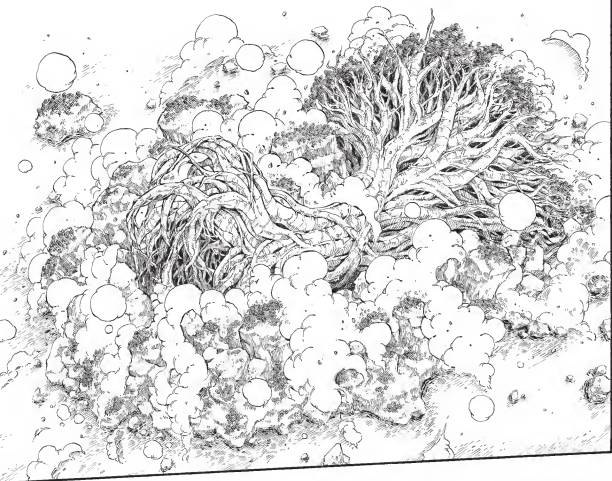


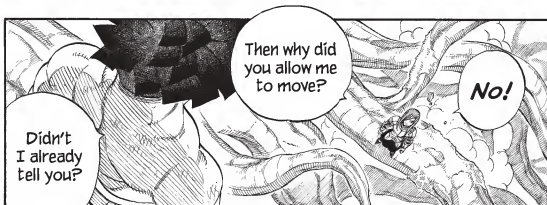
FAIRY TAIL



Chapter 236: Erza vs. Azuma









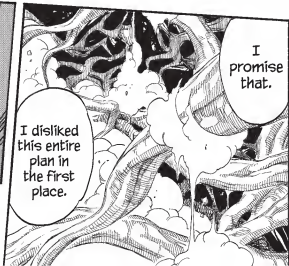
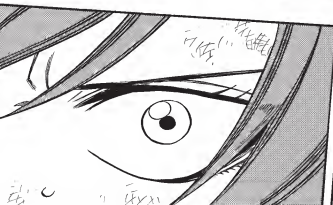
That
is all.

I want to
fight you—
with you going
all out against
me.



...then the
moment you
are defeated
I will see the
strength of
my friends
returned to
them!

If there
is no
deception
in your
words...



I
promise
that.

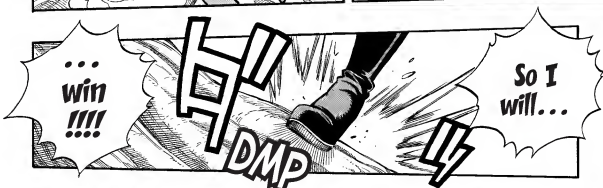
I disliked
this entire
plan in
the first
place.



My friends' lives are riding on this!



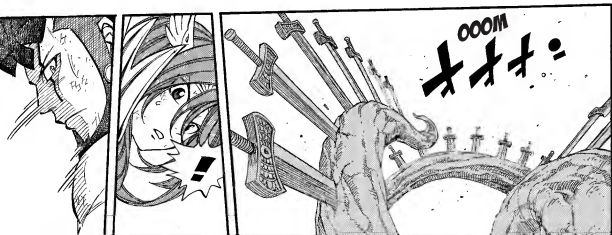
But... only if you win.

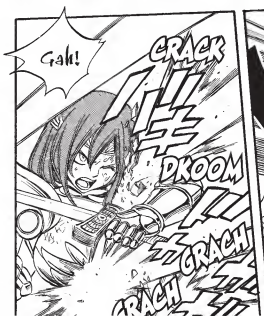


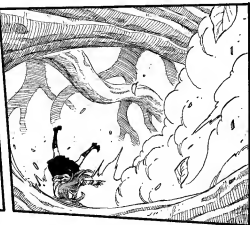
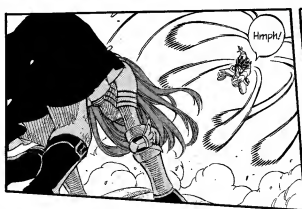
... win !!!!

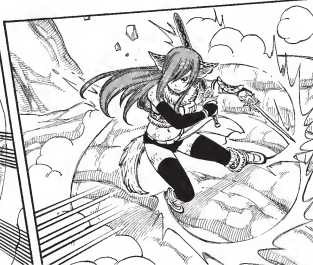
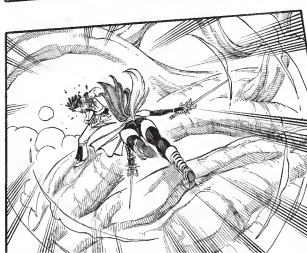
So I will...

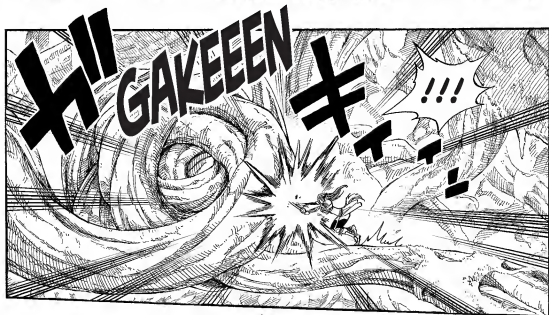


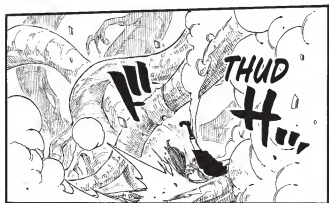


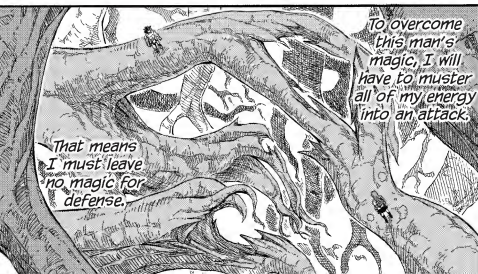












In other words, armor is unnecessary.

I must concentrate all my magic into my sword.

VOOOOPH!!

Appear now!

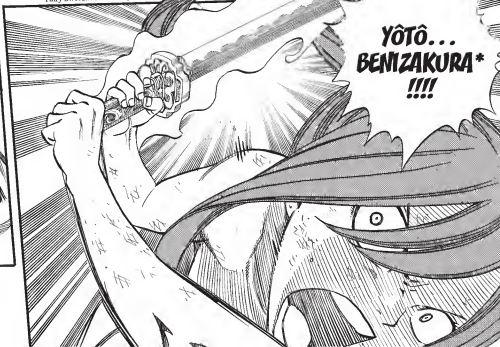
The magic of this sword is such that I could not even grip it and still have magic left for my armor...

!

*Fairy Sword... Red Cherry Blossom

YÔTÔ... BENIZAKURA*!!!!

!!



Come at me, Titania !!!!

I am their last hope!!

My downfall is the downfall of my entire guild!!

OOOR

HHH!!!

Come at me, Titania !!!!

I am their last hope!!

My downfall is the downfall of my entire guild!!

OOOR

HHH!!!

Come at me, Titania !!!!

I am their last hope!!

My downfall is the downfall of my entire guild!!

OOOR

HHH!!!

*I must put
everything into
this attack...*



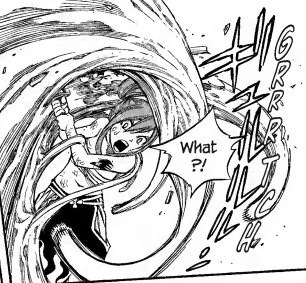
I cannot lose!!

This is for the guild...



I cannot lose!!

This is for the guild...

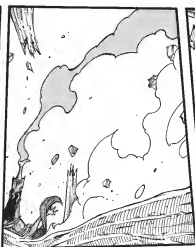


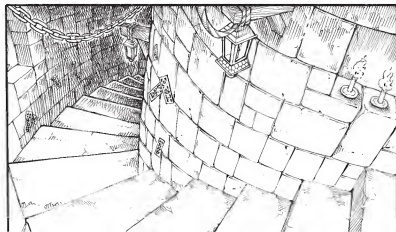
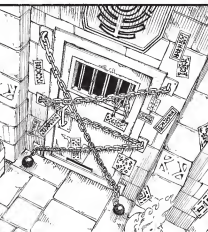
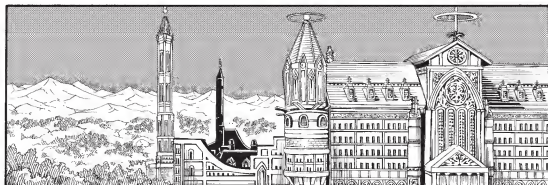


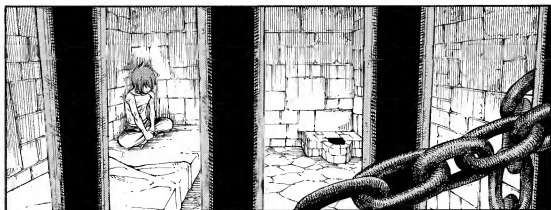
*Terra
Clamare
!!!!!!*

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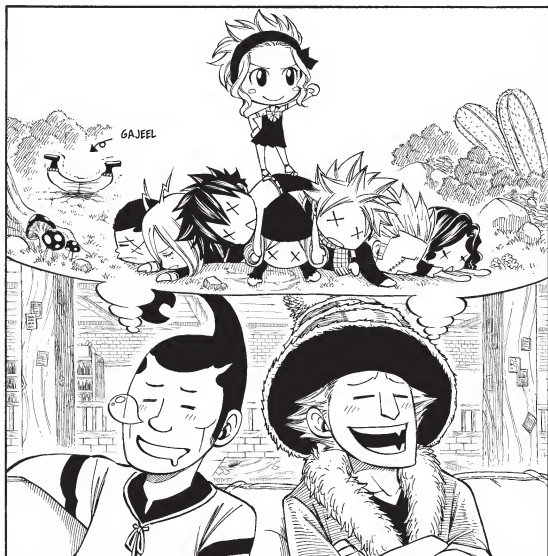


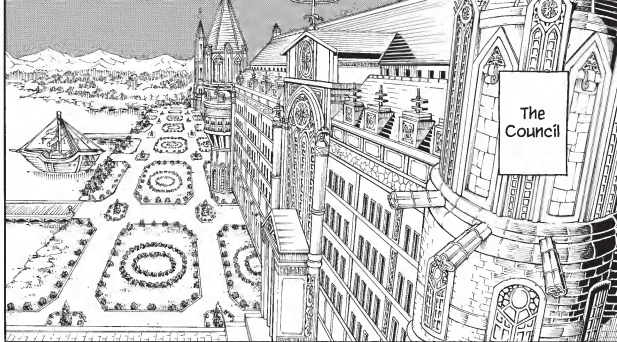


FAIRY TAIL

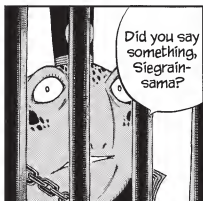
フェアリーテイル

Chapter 237: What Kind of Guild Is This





The Council



Did you say something, Siegrain-sama?



Hm?

...



...

HUMBLE

.....

HUMBLE

He tried to destroy the council!!



He's a villain who took our trust and threw it into the depths of the Earth!!



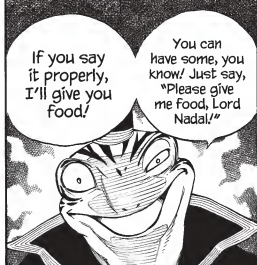
He can't use any magic here. This prison's made of **Magic Sealing Stones!!**

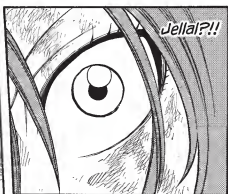
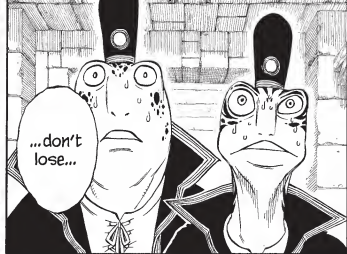
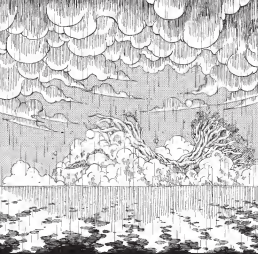
H-Hey, is he trying to cast some sort of curse?

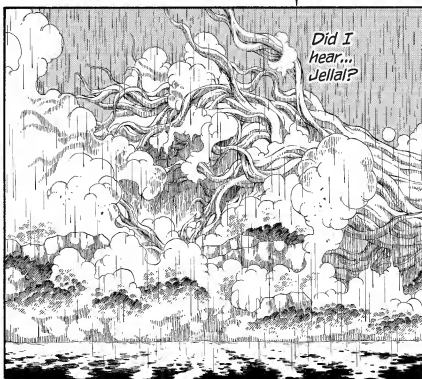
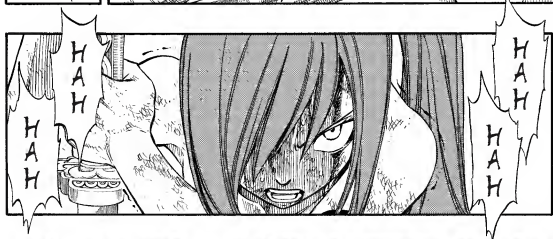


You fool!! That's **Jellal!!** He's the true form of former council member Siegrain!!

It was just out of habit...







I must
gather
my will...

Don't get
lost in
memory!

Jellal is
gone!

Don't get
carried
away.

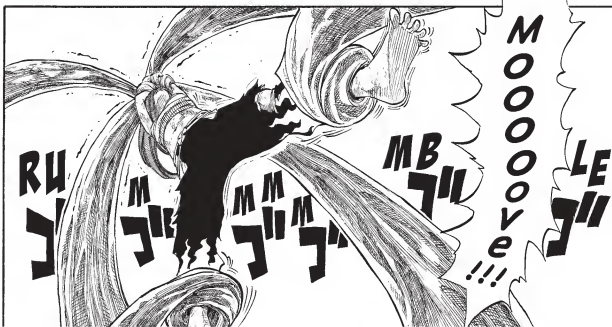
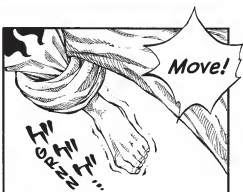
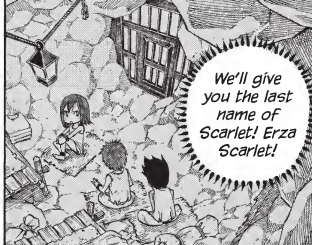
Don't get
soft.

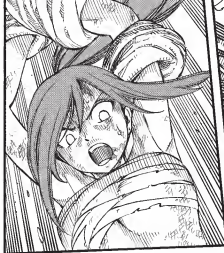
I have to
stand...

...for the
sake of
everyone
in the
guild!!!!









You will
witness
the magic
power of
Sirius
Island
one last
time!!!



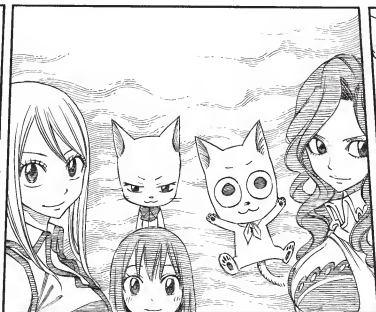
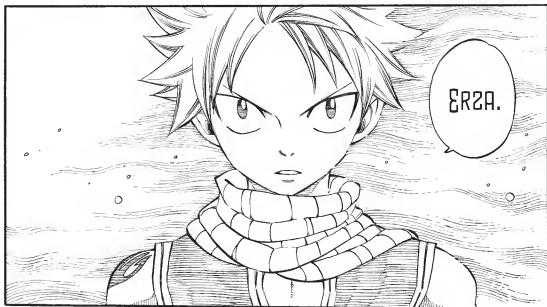
This
is the
end!!!

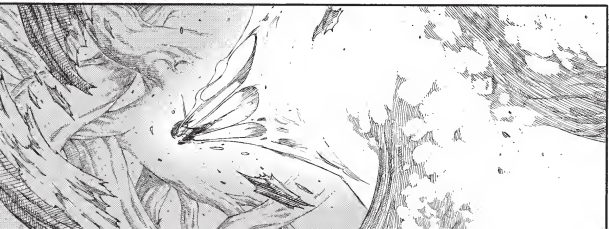
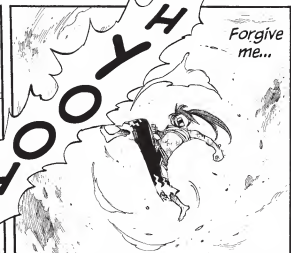
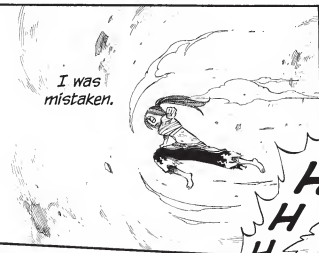


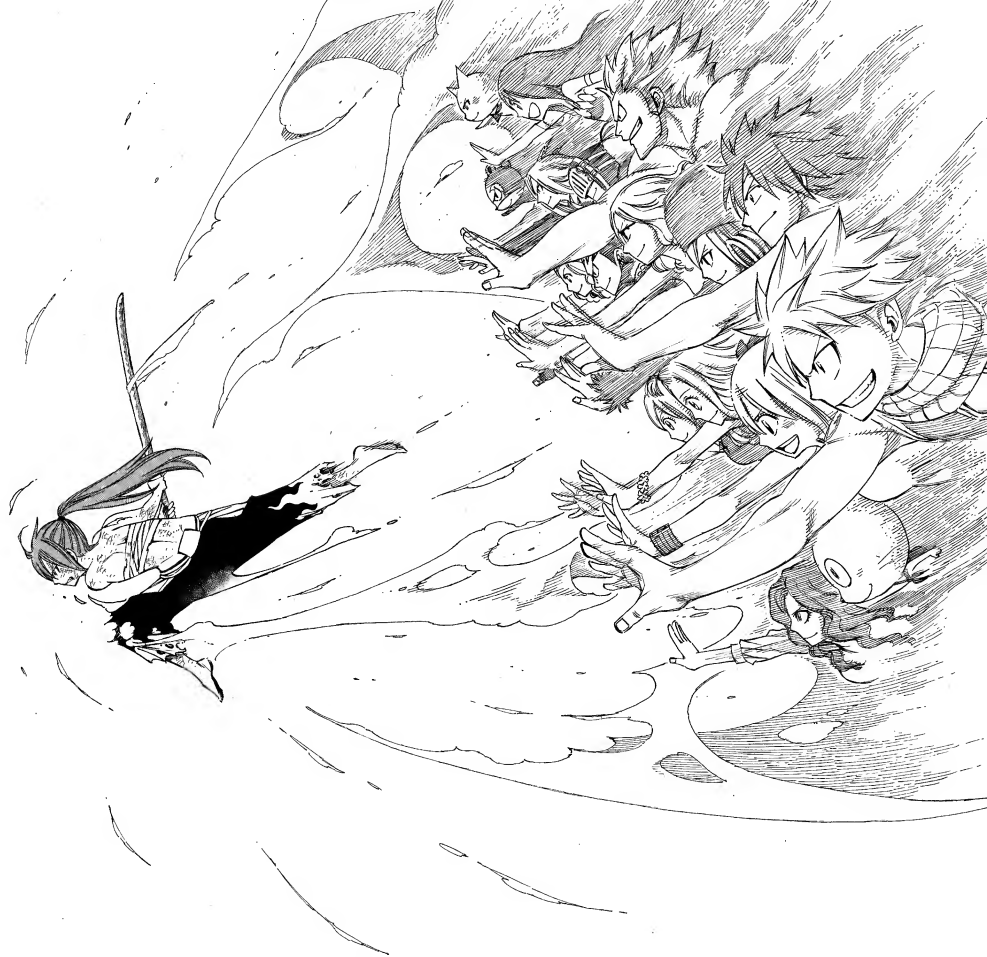
**TERRA
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MARE
!!!!**

**W
a
a
a
a
g
h
!!!**

KAFOOOOM!!!







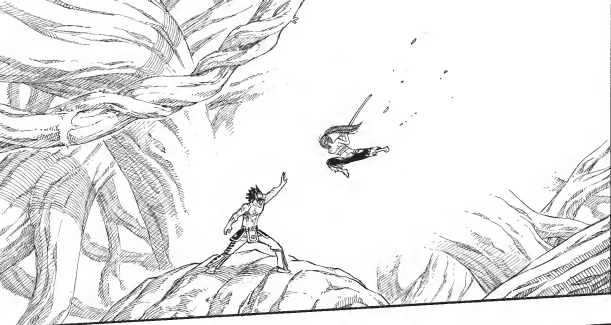


*They have
always been
the ones
protecting
me!!!!*



*...but in
fact...it was
granting her
its divine
protection?*

*The magic of
Sirius Island
should be under
my complete
control...*



What a
guild...

What
makes these
people truly
strong...

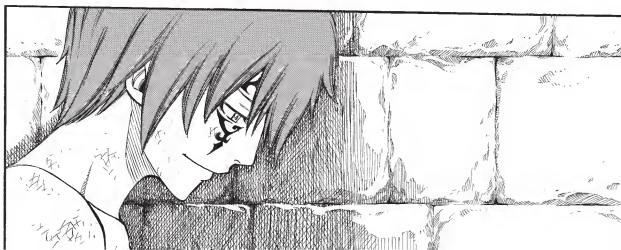
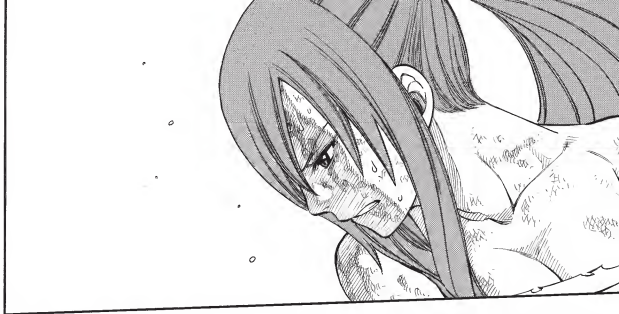
...is not their
individual
strength, but
their harmony.

Faith...

...bonds of
(friendship...

EXCELLENT.





FAIRY TAIL

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Chapter 238: At One Time





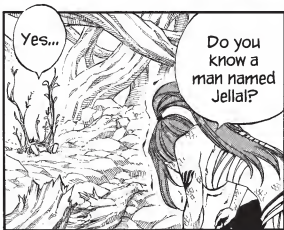
I'm
returning
your friends'
magic to
them.

I'll
keep my
promise.



From what I
hear, Jellal is a
sad man who
descended
into nihilism.

I hear he lost his
reason when he
was possessed
by the ghost
of Zeref, even
though Zeref is
still alive...



Yes...

Do you
know a
man named
Jellal?



Sorry about
that. I think
that was
all Ultear's
doing.

I heard that
it was a plan
eight years in
the making that
managed to take
the eyes of the
Council off of
us for a short
time.

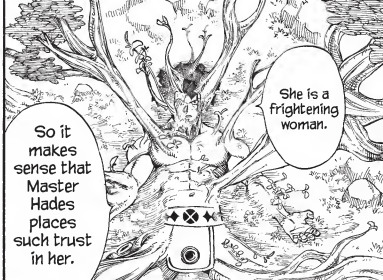


Was he
someone
special to
you?



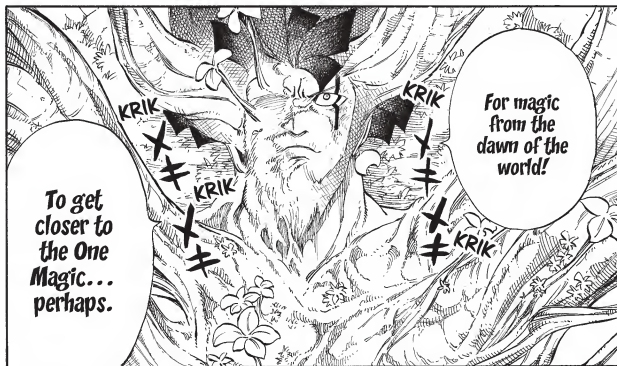


Why would you people be so fervent in the search for Zeref?



So it makes sense that Master Hades places such trust in her.

She is a frightening woman.



To get closer to the One Magic... perhaps.

For magic from the dawn of the world!



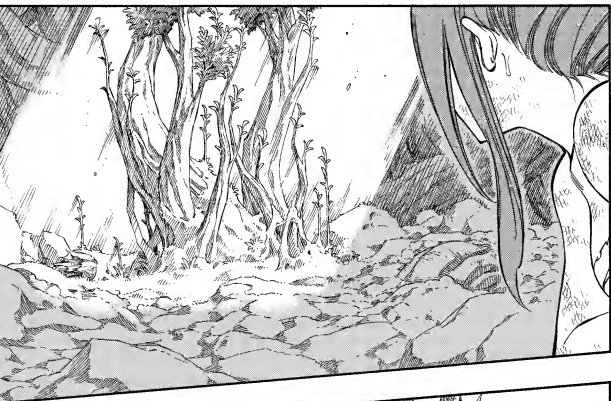
Jellal had a dream of "heaven."

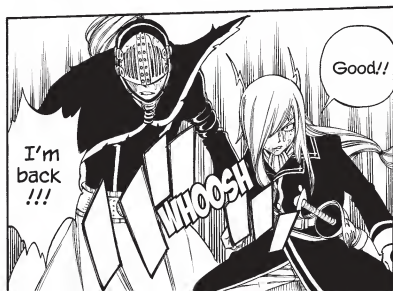


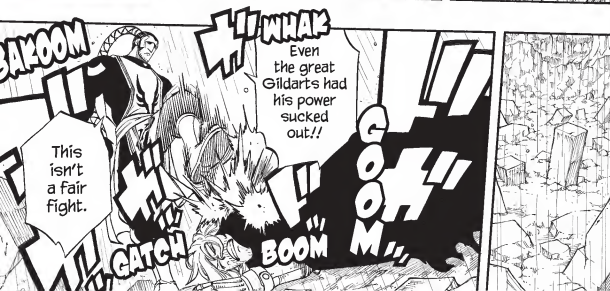
Once you've got it, what happens then?!!

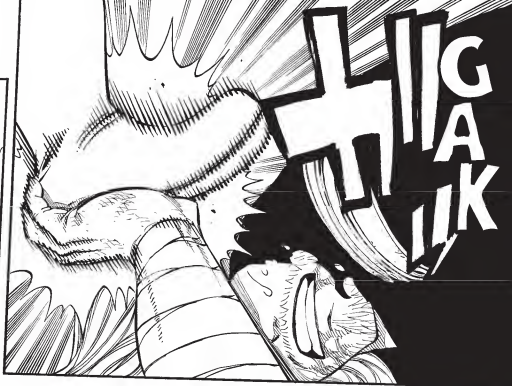


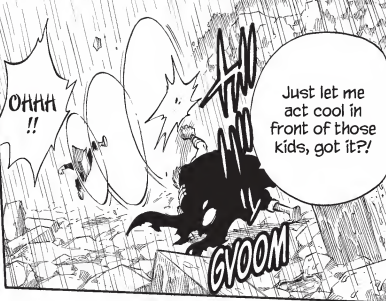
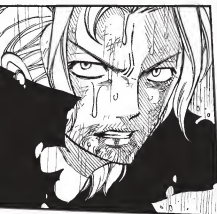
The One Magic?











Just let me
act cool in
front of those
kids, got it?!



It's about
time we
both got
serious
about this!

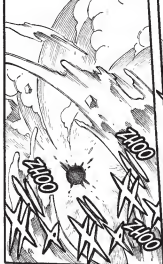


That's
good! That's
real good,
Gildarts
!!!!

I want
our
fight to
fly even
more
!!!!



**BLACK
HOLE
!!!!**



...that
sucks
everything
into it!!

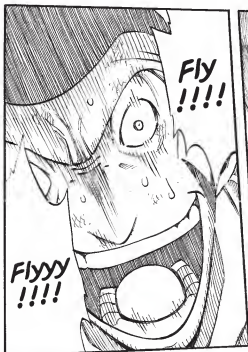


It's a
limitless
gravity
well...



Kh...

What is
that?!



Fly
!!!!

Flyyyy
!!!!

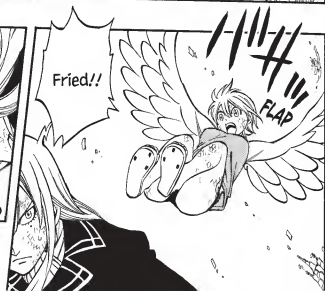
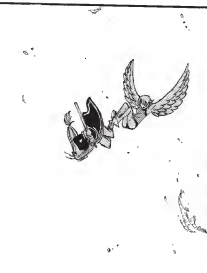
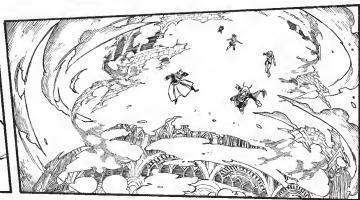


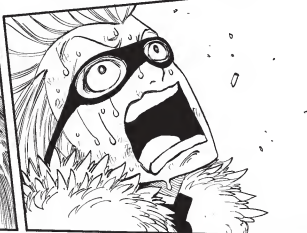
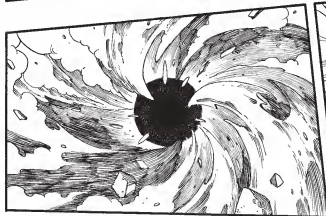
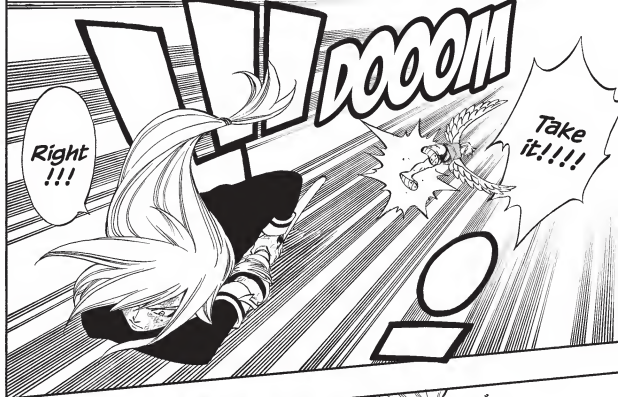
OO
HH
HH
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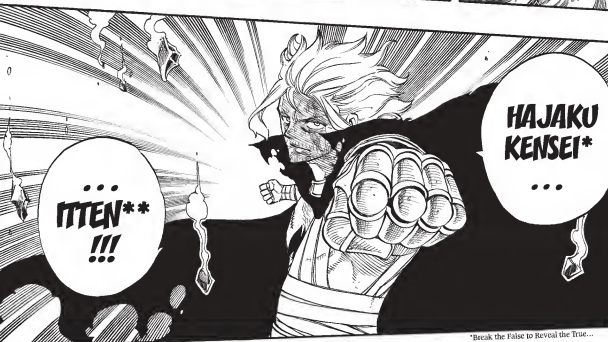
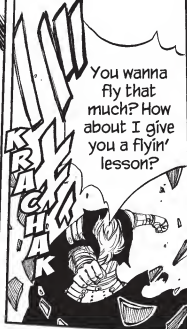


COME
FORTH!!!!
TOWER OF
DINGIR
!!!!



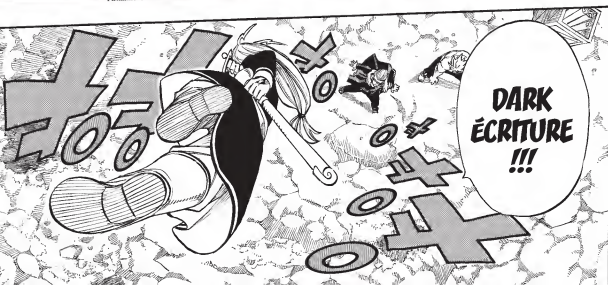




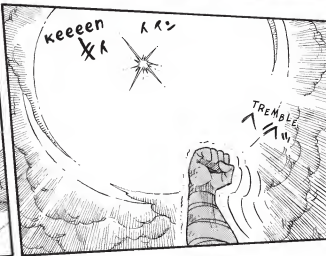
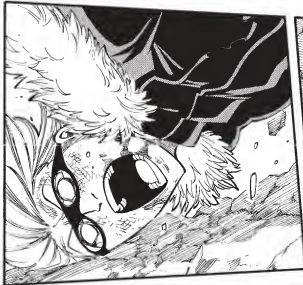


**Full Name!!

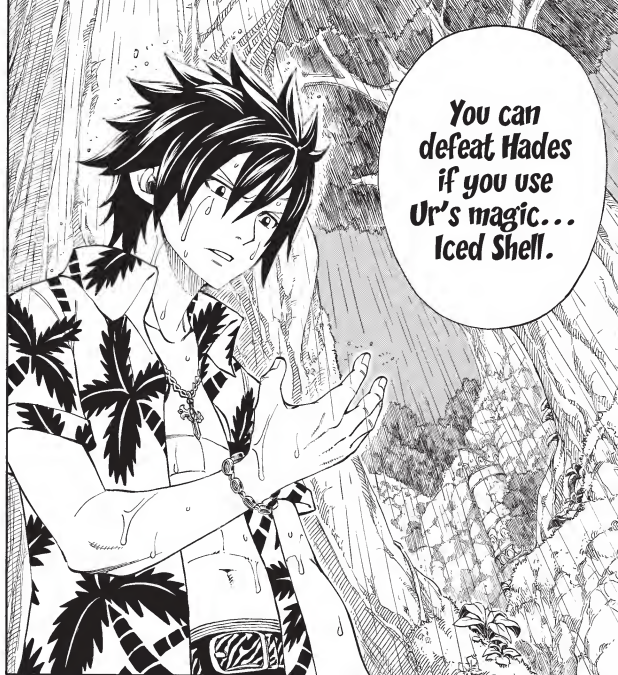
*Break the False to Reveal the True...



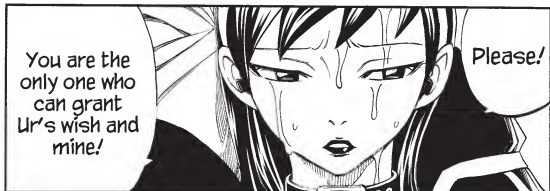








**You can
defeat Hades
if you use
Ur's magic...
Iced Shell.**



**You are the
only one who
can grant
Ur's wish and
mine!**

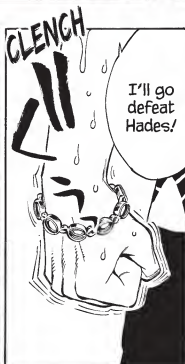
Please!

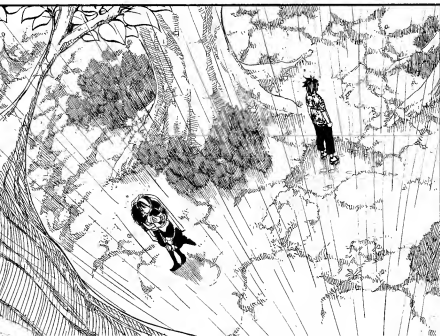
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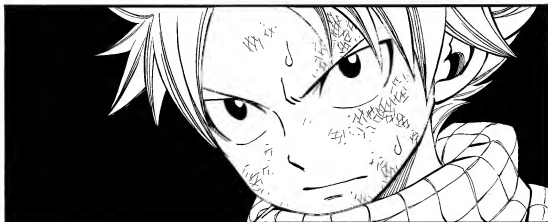
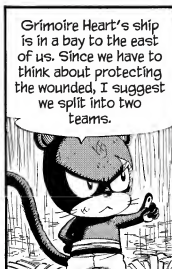
Chapter 239: The Freezing Warrior

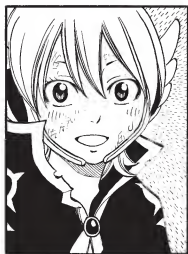
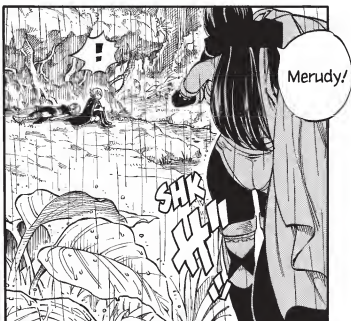


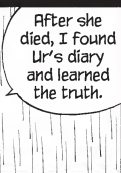
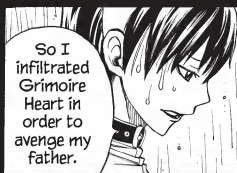
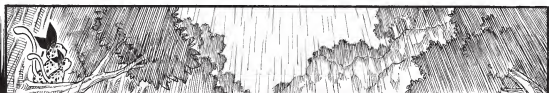














Ur already knew that, and that is why she perfected Iced Shell.

However, the magic of Hades was greater than I had imagined.



...even though I have Ur's blood flowing in my veins.

I could never master it...

Iced Shell?!



...and that magic is Iced Shell!!!

As far as I know, there is only one magic that will defeat Hades...



Please don't worry about Zeref.





I will
never
allow
Hades
to get
him!

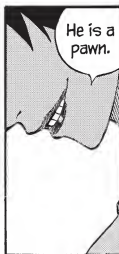


I will take
him from the
island and
seal him away
someplace no
one will ever
find him.

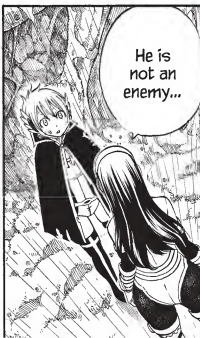


*You are
the only one
who can grant
Ur's wish
and mine!*

Please!



He is a
pawn.



He is
not an
enemy...



Ah
ha
ha
ha
ha
ha!!



Heh!

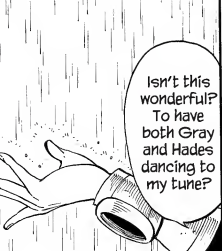
I mean,
who would
fall for a lie I
made up on
the spot like
that?

No normal person!



And
if it works
out, it'll take
out both Gray
and Hades
at the same
time!!!!

I couldn't
think up
a better
plan if I
tried!!!!



Isn't this wonderful?
To have
both Gray
and Hades
dancing to
my tune?



You'd
deceive
Master
Hades?

Zeref
belongs to
us!



Take out
Master
Hades?
Why?



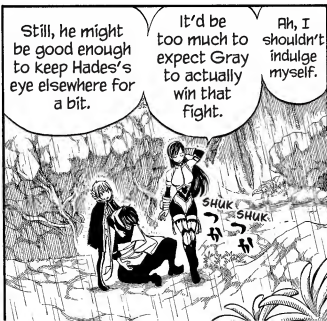
He is
mine
and
mine
alone
!!!!

I will
never give
Zeref
away to
anyone
!!!!



Yes
...

And before
that eye
turns to us,
we should
leave the
island.

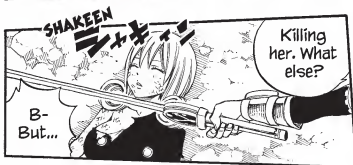


Still, he might
be good enough
to keep Hades's
eye elsewhere for
a bit.

It'd be
too much to
expect Gray
to actually
win that
fight.

Ah, I
shouldn't
indulge
myself.











I figured
this would
happen.

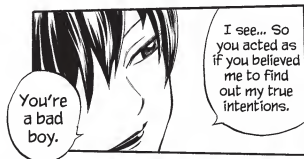


Gray
!!!



When did you
catch on, I
wonder?

Well... I'm
surprised.



You're
a bad
boy.

I see... So
you acted as
if you believed
me to find
out my true
intentions.

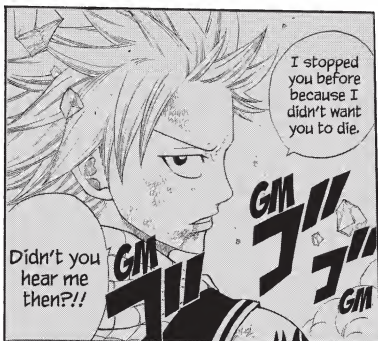


I didn't
believe
a word
you said
from
the
start!



It doesn't
matter if it
is Ur's will!

I've got a
will of my
own!!



I stopped
you before
because I
didn't want
you to die.

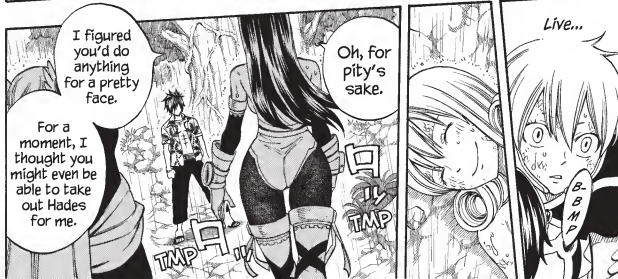
Didn't you
hear me
then?!!



I decided a
while back
never to
try using
that magic
again.



**My
friends
and I are
walking
the path
that lets
us live!!!!**



I figured
you'd do
anything
for a pretty
face.

For a
moment, I
thought you
might even be
able to take
out Hades
for me.

Oh, for
pity's
sake.

Live...

B-B-M-P

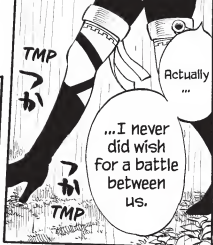


HEH
HEH
HEH...



I mean
...

...you
are one
of that
woman's
beloved
disciples,
right?



Actually
...

...I never
did wish
for a battle
between
us.



Do what
you will,
you ingrate
daughter!!

I'll teach
you the
lesson you
never got
from your
mother!!!



But now I
think I may
just give you
the most
cruel death
possible!!



You seem to be
laboring under
a mistaken
impression.

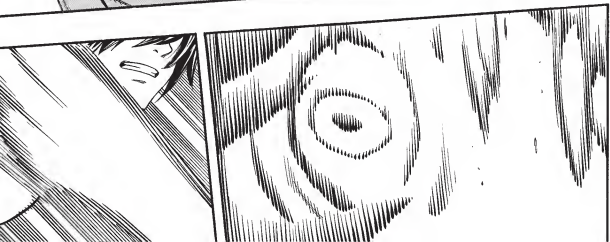
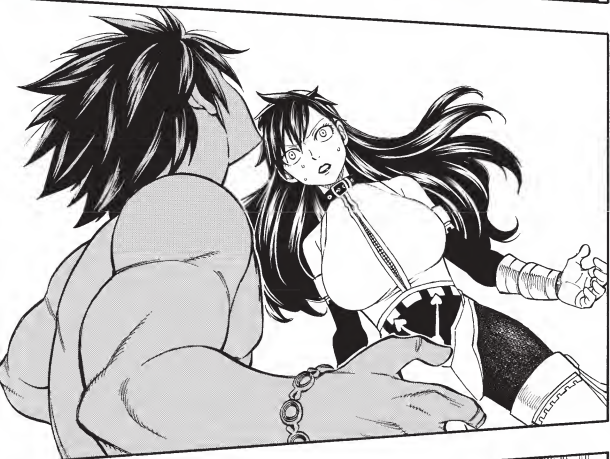
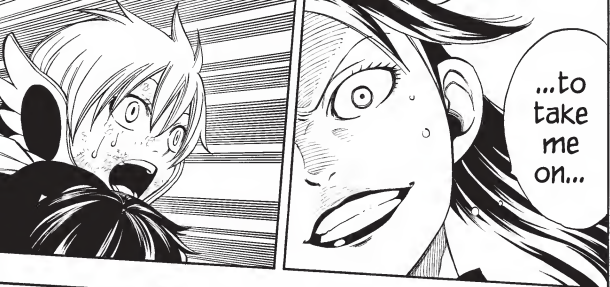
About
that...





A puny
minion like
you could
never
hope...





DWAAAAAAAA



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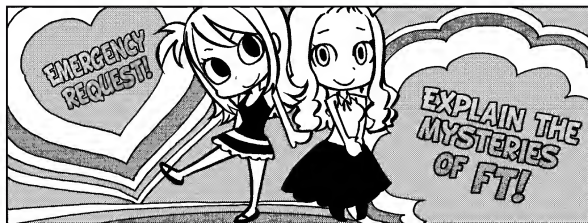
Afterword

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There were a lot of drawing mistakes this time. Maybe I shouldn't limit it to "this time." But I had an especially hard time remembering to add in the pattern in Azuma's hair. (Hey!) I tried to fix all the ones that I managed to notice, but I may have missed a few... (cries). I get the feeling that I've told you how I've forgotten to add in characters' patterns or accessories before, but one reason I forget them is the person in charge of adding those patterns keeps changing. Sometimes I get caught up in it and add them myself then and there, and sometimes I save it for later, and sometimes I ask my staff to handle particularly tricky patterns. And sometimes I just forget. At the very worst times I find myself thinking, "Huh? What pattern went with this person anyway?" I do take time to check over my pages every time, but there are a lot of times when I've got other worries on my mind, and that ruins my concentration, so I manage to miss such things. Even though every time...every time I vow to be more careful on the next check!

They often compare manga creators to directors, and I have to admit that I agree with that assessment. Still, not every manga creator could make movies. But I'm talking about "total direction." He draws the *neemu* (which are like storyboards), writes the story and the dialog, maps out the pictures (camera angles), and when he draws, he includes the character layout (positioning), actions (blocking and expressions), backgrounds, props, lines of action, sound effects, lighting... It's all decided by one person. And even when the creator has staff working for him, it's the manga creator who gives the marching orders. In other words, the creator has a lot to do. And it's for that reason that creators sometimes put off applying the patterns until later or delegate it to their staff and then miss it in the checking stage.

I think the worst mistake I ever made was drawing a color picture of Lucy where she's showing the reader the Fairy Tail guild mark that she has on her hand, and I **forgot to draw the mark!** (Aw, man!)



In the Magnolia Shopping District...

Lucy: Good morning, everybody!

Mira: Hello, people.

Lucy: Our corner today is for those fans who are real nerds.

Mira: Those who aren't can simply skip this column.



: This is the question!!

How are Fairy Tail's color pages painted?



: I-I certainly do wonder about that, but for this we should have Mashimaseru himself to drone on and on about the subject. Not that he's very good at it...



: You probably shouldn't be saying that...



: And so, here I am to answer the question!

Mira: See? Here he is!!

Mash: I personally would divide my color illustrations into two big groups.

One is drawing with a kind of marker called COPIC where I apply the colors directly to the drawing. The other is to use computer software to apply the colors digitally. Recently, I've been pretty much exclusively using the computer method, so that's the one I'll describe here.

Lucy: That was long!

Mash: First, I do a drawing on paper and trace it using pens or mechanical pencils to produce the line work. Then, I scan in the line work to my PC at a resolution of 300-400 dpi.

Lucy: You lost me after the word "First"...

Mira: Think of "resolution" like this: the higher the number, the more detail.

Mash: Once it's in a data file, I sharpen the image, clearing up spots and such.

Lucy: Clean up? How do you do that?

Mash: Once it's on the PC, you can subtract whatever line you like at will. You erase it using a tool called "eraser."

Continued from the left-hand page.

When I've finished the PC-based line work, I make a copy and use that as the uppermost layer and paint it in the software's JScan ("multiply") mode.



: Can I go home now?

Mash: Kind of like this:

Layer 1		Copy of the line work	Multiply
Layer 2		Layer for Coloring	Normal
Canvas		Line work	

Mira: What is a layer?

Mash: Layering means putting things on different levels, so that, for example, the additional colors don't destroy the line work.

Layer 1 (Line work)		Multiply
Layer 2 (Skin Color)		Normal
Layer 3 (Hair Color)		Normal

Lucy: Are you saying it's easier to paint the colors after you've separated everything out of the original picture?

Mash: You could say that. The more complicated the picture, the more layers you use to paint it. There are rare instances where everything can be done on one layer, though.

Mira: What does it mean to have that copy of the line work as "multiply"?

Mash: It'd take a while to explain the theory behind it, but the basic idea is that, by placing a "Multiply" as the top layer, you can fill in the colors without disturbing the lines.

Lucy: Which means you use the mode without a clue as to the mode behind it, right?

Mash: Actually, there's no absolutely correct way to paint in colors using a PC. Everybody uses his or her own personal methods, or so I hear.

Mira: So how are the colors painted?

Mash: In some cases I use the default brushes that are installed with the software, and in other cases, I used custom brushes that I downloaded. You can choose your own transparency and brightness on the brush, so you paint while adjusting those parameters.



: I hate to bring this up so late in the discussion, but isn't it hard to describe the process of coloring when the explanation is on a black-and-white page? I'm not getting it at all.



GONG!!



: But for any of you who are interested in drawing, if this helped even a little bit, it would make us very happy.

Mash: Urk... I-I really wanted to get into this in more detail...

Lucy: I'm sure you'll get a chance to somewhere, somehow. (Assuming you ever get better at it.)

Mash: I-I'll do my best!

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▲Y-You think so...? Thanks.



▲It's really unusual to see the black-scarf version of Natsu!!



▲Wow!! That's cool! Maybe this book will show up in the main storyline!



▲It's the frog-creature from Eddolas! The idea of this thing getting bigger...makes me scared.



▲ Pictures with Evergreen all by herself are unexpectedly rare. Thanks!



▲ First Fried in a long time! Pretty cool huh?



▲ I love the way this person draw the kanji for "time!"



▲ Very good! Levy fans have really increased!

Oh!! ▶ this one's good!! And it's been so long since I've seen Lucy casually holding a whip.



Yasuyuki Prefecture: Kaito Imai

It's a strangely cute image. I want to poke him in the cheeks!



Natsu Prefecture: Akasaka Yumeko



▲ The girls of Fairy Tail! Mira-chan is really cute here!!



▲ A Lucy full of energy!!



▲ Now this is one cute Gray! Especially the cheeks!



▲ This one's cool!

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The artist says it's their graduation! Then congratulations!

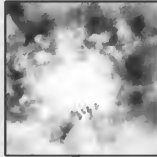


Ozaki Prefecture: Yuki Chiba

FAIRY TAIL 28



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



There have been ten opening and ending songs recorded for the first five seasons of the Fairy Tail anime, and a compilation album of them has just gone on sale in Japan! A huge number of them are really wonderful tunes! Some of the artists have also written original works especially for Fairy Tail, so I can't do much else but bow down in gratitude. I mean, I'd have just been happy if they had simply lent a song of theirs to the story, but for going the extra distance, I would like to take this opportunity to express my appreciation. Thank you so much!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 89, Brittia's Ghosts

The island of Brittia is described by the Byzantine historian Procopius in the sixth century A.D. He describes the island as a place where the souls of the northern European tribes go after they have died.

Page 114,

Folium Sica

Azuma's attack names seem to be of Latin origin. *Folium* is Latin for leaf (and is the origin for the English word, "foliage") and *sica* is a kind of long knife used in Roman times for battle. The Japanese version agrees with that since the Japanese writing reads *ha no ken* ("Leaf Sword").



Page 114,

Ramus Sica

Like *Folium Sica*, this attack name comes from the Latin language. *Ramus* is Latin for branch, and *sica*, as mentioned above, is a knife weapon. This agrees with the Japanese writing in the Japanese version since *eda no ken* means "Branch Sword."



Page 123, Terra Clamare

Like Azuma's other attacks, this name seems to be based in the Latin language. The Japanese version of the manga had this attack name in Japanese as *daichi no sakebi* (Cry of the Earth) with a *katakana* pronunciation guide of *tera kuramaare*. That would be how the Japanese would pronounce the Latin words *terra*, which means Earth, and *clamare*, which is Latin for invocation.



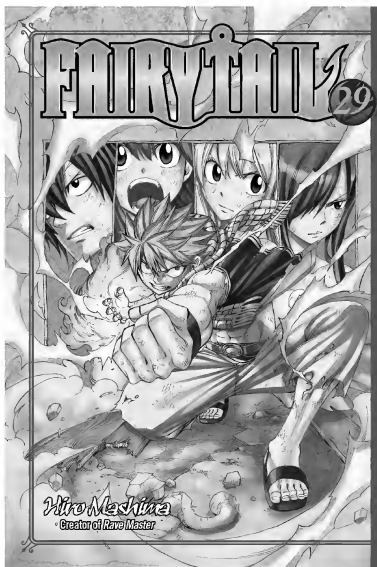
Page 156, Tower of Dingir

Although the Japanese version does not specifically designate what Dingir means, a cuneiform character from both ancient Sumerian and Assyrian has the same pronunciation and a meaning that seems to fit. In both ancient languages, Dingir means 'deity,' so a translation of the name of this attack would be 'Tower of God' or 'Tower of the Gods.'

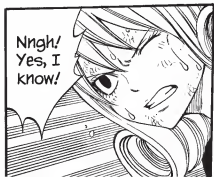
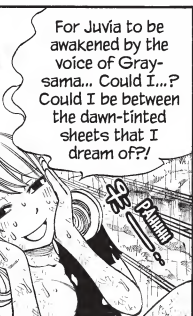
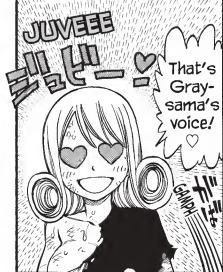


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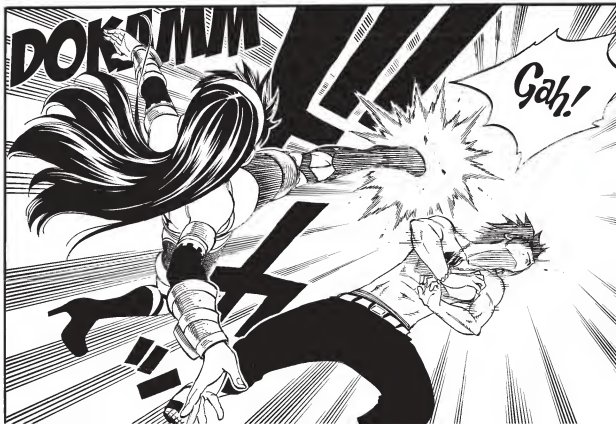
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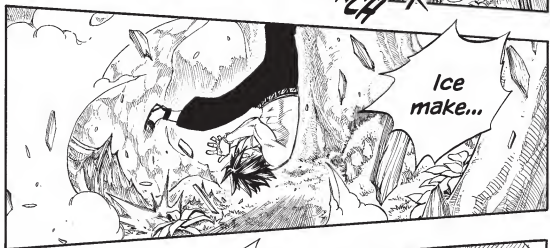


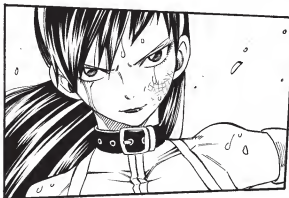
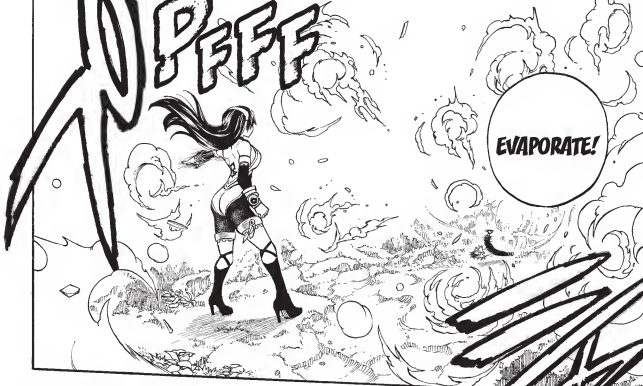




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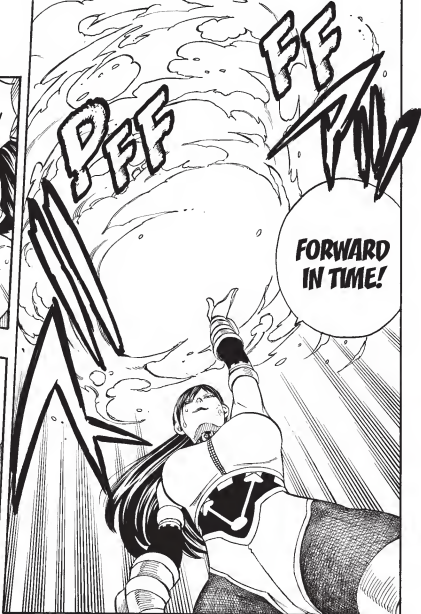
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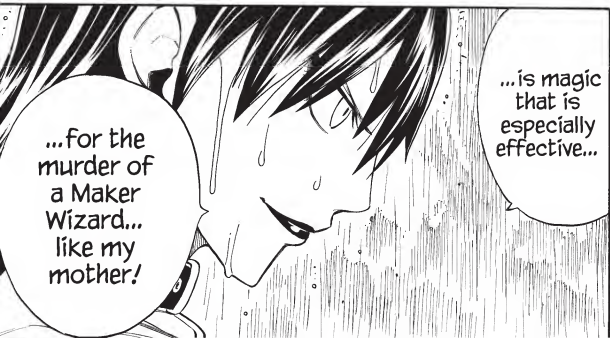


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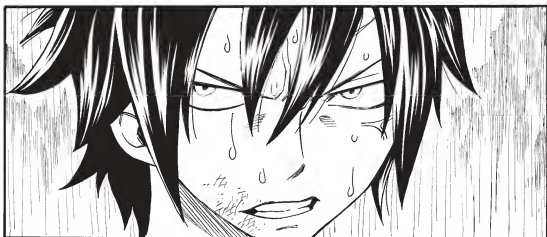
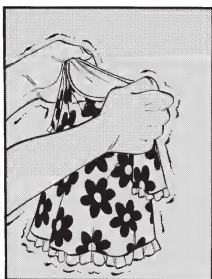
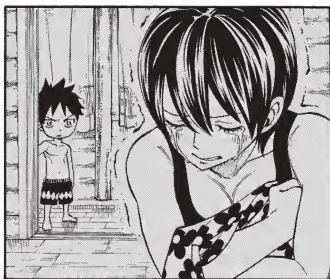
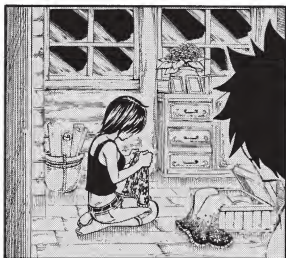


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